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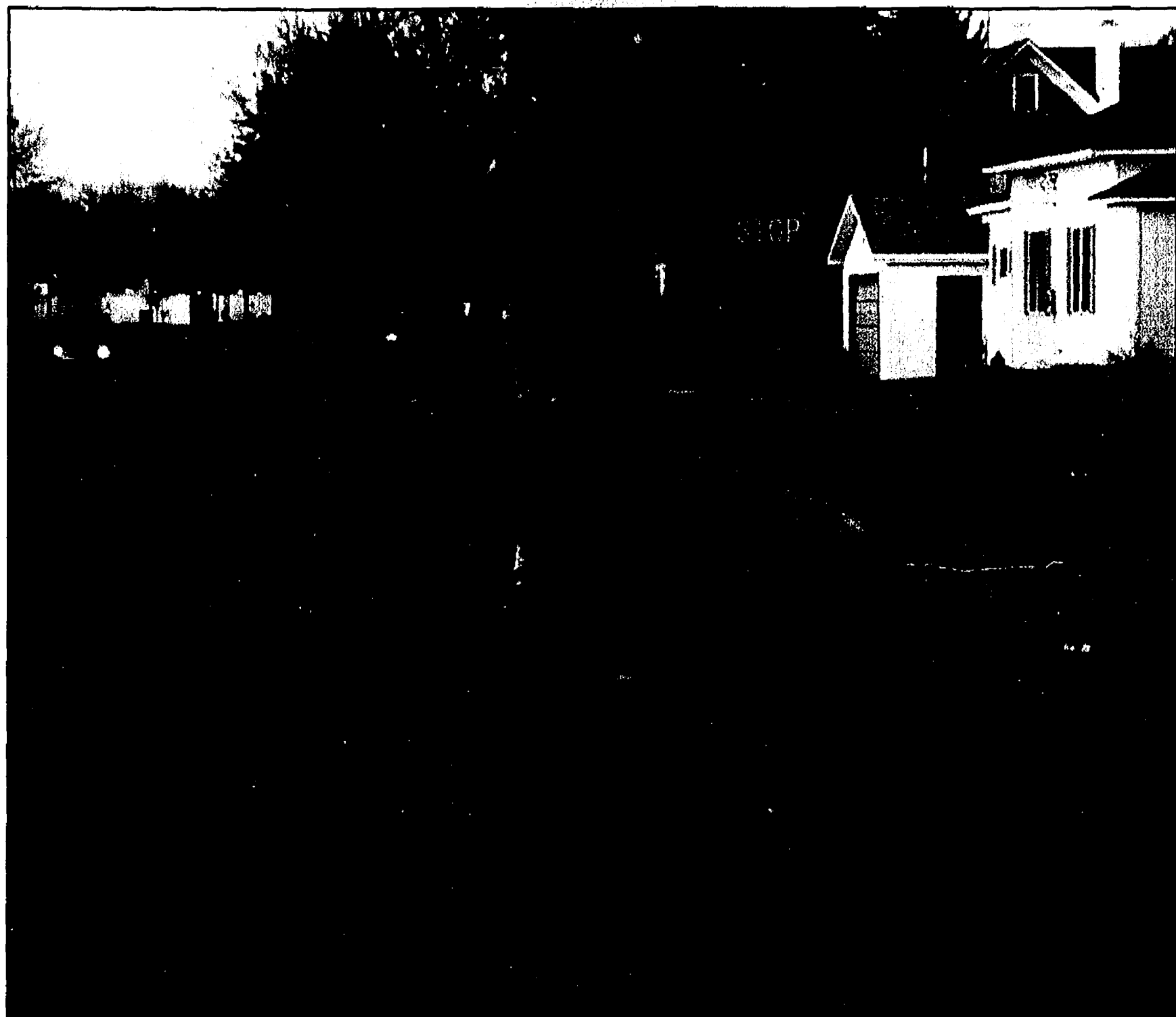


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Matt Kuck, above, enjoyed the sunny spring weather on Monday riding his custom made bike on Ionia Street near his home. Kuck, age 15, the son of Tonya and Sam Meachum, is a sophomore at Grayling High School. The bike is a girl's bike that is flipped upside down and equipped with a custom seat and handle bars. Sam Meachum, who also rides one of the bikes around town, said he got the idea from a similar bike he saw while growing up in Oxford. "I get a lot of looks and compliments when I'm riding around," Meachum said.

City seeks input on snow removal ordinance

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As the last gravel covered snow piles are melting away, Grayling City officials are planning for a snow removal policy for next winter.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer has drafted a snow handling and removal policy which has been reviewed by the Grayling City Council at their last two meetings.

Thayer said that the snow removal policy was prompted by the heavy winter snowfall and questions from residents and businesses on how they should deal with snow on their property. In addition, Thayer said large mounds of snow along the I-75 Business Loop have damaged elements of the community's streetscape. The large piles of snow also created visual hazards for motorists.

Under the proposed ordinance, all businesses, residences and public entities are required to attend to all snowfall that accumulates over two inches in a 24 hour period to protect the safety and welfare of the general public. Efforts must be made to eliminate the hazards that the snow accumulations may create.

All commercial properties with parking areas for public use shall designate a snow storage area on-site under the ordinance. Snow removed from commercial parking lots shall not be placed

on the property of others, on any public roadway or on any public right-of-way. If snow exceeds its on-site storage area capacity, the property owner must have the snow hauled away.

"They need to deal with snow on-site, and once that gets full, they need to haul it away, otherwise they're going to be filling up more parking spaces," Thayer said.

Residential property owners are not allowed to place snow on public roadways or public right-of-ways when it creates a public hazard, impedes traffic flow or impairs a driver's vision.

Residential property owners adjacent to local streets, that have sidewalks abutting their properties, are not mandated to keep them free of snow. Residential property owners, however, are not allowed to add to the natural snowfall conditions which create hazardous conditions.

Under the ordinance, the city will designate high profile pedestrian walkways for the snow removal and will maintain passage on those sidewalks for public use. Routes to schools, businesses in the central business district and commercial shopping districts will be considered under the designation for snow removal.

Thayer said that city officials

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USDA funds more fish hatchery work

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee has received a third grant from the The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to gut the interior of the historic fish hatchery building.

Bruce Patrick, chairman of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, said the USDA has awarded a \$26,000 Rural Enterprises grant to Crawford County to focus on improving the interior of the fish hatchery building.

The grant will be used to remove the paneling, insulation, wiring and utilities from the building's interior, some of which has been vandalized over the years since the building was closed.

"It will basically be a shell once we get done. Then, it will be all ready to go once we figure out what we want to do on the inside," Patrick said.

A \$13,000 local match will be required for the project.

Last year, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee received a \$20,000 grant to

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee has received a third grant from the The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to gut the interior of the historic fish hatchery building. An entrance where the building comes together will be repaired and reconfigured, making it so the interior is not prone to water damage. Above, Bruce Patrick, chairman of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, stands on the foot bridge currently being replaced by a crew from Huron Pines.

Beaver Creek residents concerned about gas wells

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County officials, last week, agreed to facilitate a meeting between Beaver Creek Township residents and a gas company over future well drilling plans.

A group of Beaver Creek Township residents attended the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting last week, asking for help addressing gas wells planned to be drilled in the area.

BreitBurn, a California based company, purchased Quicksilver Resources in Gaylord last year.

The company already has a number of sweet gas wells, wells that don't contain hydrogen sulfide gas, in the township.

But, the company is going through the regulatory process with the Michigan Department of Quality to drill sour gas wells, wells that contain hydrogen sulfide and emit a rotten egg smell, in the same area.

Led by Marian Long, a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital Grayling, the residents have sought the help of Beaver Creek Township and Crawford County officials in hopes of convincing the company to drop the well drilling plans or drill the wells in

another location.

Property owners fear increased traffic from drilling rigs and decreased property values if the wells are located near their homes. Long-term exposure to hydrogen sulfide can be a health hazard or even deadly if their is a gas spill, Long said.

"I'm hoping that they'll have a little bit of social conscience and will reconsider drilling these wells that are so close in proximity to these houses," Long said.

Long has retained lawyers specializing in environmental law to learn more about the company's drilling plans, but said that there were little defenses at their use.

"There aren't really a lot of legal protections for people in our situation," she said.

County Commissioner Scott Hanson said that changes made in the early 1990s precluded changing the township zoning to prevent the gas wells.

"If the zoning was all switched, that would not be a legal stop to exclude gas wells," he said.

Hanson, a retired Camp Grayling operations officer, said the military halted training in the

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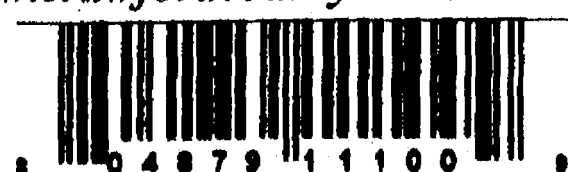
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Noted chef wows crowd at library



About 50 people attended an evening with noted chef, author and television personality Eric Villegas at the Devereaux Memorial Library earlier this month. Villegas is the author of "Fork in the Road," a book based on his award winning PBS cooking show, and features recipes rich in Michigan's best local ingredients. Villegas' visit to Grayling was through the Library of Michigan's 2008 Michigan Notable Authors Tour. Above, some youngsters enjoy some of the dishes made by the Friends of the Crawford County Library from recipes from Villegas' book. Left top, Villegas visits with a library patron as they look over the assortment of food and drinks at the event. Left bottom, Villegas signs copies of "Fork in the Road."

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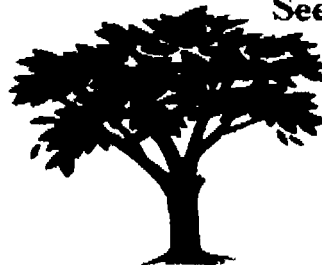
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are working with Mike Dunkel, the business manager for the Crawford AuSable School District, to procure snow removal equipment through the Michigan State Routes to Schools program. The school district is writing a grant to obtain the snow removal equipment, which the city will operate.

"It's a win-win for the schools and the city to provide a safe way for children to get to school during the winter months," Thayer said.

City and school officials will also be working together on their snow removal and storage

policy at areas such as the Grayling Middle School, where large mounds of snow were created during the winter, creating a visual hazard for motorists.

"Even though it started on their property, it just crept outside of that," Thayer said.

Thayer said the City's Department of Public Works crews would remove snow from the pedestrian walkways instead of having the work subcontracted to an excavating or landscaping business.

"I believe if we can work it out, we'll do it in-house in the future," Thayer said.

Under the ordinance, a prop-

erty owner is not allowed to place snow on a public roadway or public right-of-way that is designated as a city snowmobile route.

Thayer said that the Grayling City Council plans to adopt the ordinance at its Monday, May 12, meeting. Council members have been encouraged to seek input on the ordinance to determine if it needs to be tweaked before it is approved.

"We want to make sure we get the word out to people about the new ordinance, so they can plan accordingly for next winter," Thayer said.

Beaver Creek residents concerned about gas wells

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area due to the gas wells and pipelines.

"They simple quit training out there quite a few years ago," Hanson said.

Long, whose husband Ted Long is a lease well operator for BreitBurn, acknowledged the need for the company to expand. She said she does not want to shut the well plans down, but hopes to have them located away from residential properties and cabins.

"This is a health hazard that I just couldn't let go," Long said.

Larry Akers, the emergency management and 911 director for Crawford County, said BreitBurn employees have participated in emergency training exercises with the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee. The Local Emergency Planning

Committee keeps track of companies and sites where hazardous materials are located.

County officials said they would arrange a meeting between the company and the Beaver Creek Township residents.

"Let's roll up our sleeves and see what we can get done to get some of your issues resolved," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Nelson Fairchild, the eastern regional manager for BreitBurn, said the company plans to meet and educate the residents about the drilling plans.

"We're not going to shove wells down their throats," Fairchild said. "We are sensitive to their concerns, and we are going to take a close and long hard look at some of these wells that are planned in close prox-

imity to their homes."

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

McCain's age could become political issue

HOW OLD is too old to be president of the United States?

That question is on the minds of many voters because the Republican candidate-in-waiting is Sen. John McCain. If elected in November, President McCain at 72 would be the oldest person to assume the office.

In the age sweepstakes, he would beat another Republican, Ronald Reagan, who often is cited by candidate McCain as a political hero. Mr. Reagan was 69 when he first became president in 1981.

If Mr. McCain's 72 years are considered old these days, then Mr. Reagan was ancient by the time he left the Oval Office after his second term, just shy of his 78th birthday.

Using the same yardstick, if Mr. McCain were elected to two terms, he would be 80 when leaving the White House.

But is 72 too old to take on the burdens of commander in chief and all the other stresses and crises, both foreign and domestic, that go with being president of the United States?

ANOTHER SEPTUAGENARIAN, US Rep. Jack Murtha of Pennsylvania directly has posed the question that many voters are silently pondering.

Mr. Murtha, 75, is well regarded for his military service, as is Sen. McCain. He also is considered a congressional expert on military affairs, a staunch champion of veterans, and for several years has been calling for removal of troops from Iraq.

The burdens of the presidential office, including the military burdens, are too much for a man of Mr. McCain's age, according to Mr. Murtha.

"I've served with seven presi-

dents," Mr. Murtha told a union audience recently while campaigning for Hillary Clinton in Pennsylvania. "When they come in, they all make mistakes. They all get older."

According to an *Associated Press* news story, Mr. Murtha said: "This guy running is about as old as me. Let me tell you something. It's no old man's job."

In response, in a follow up CNN interview, Mr. McCain told of his respect and admiration for Mr. Murtha and said: "Speak for yourself, Jack. I'm doing fine."

That's a perfect response.

ADVANCING AGE can be a problem when performing tough jobs, but what is too old for the presidency?

Some people in their seventies are more alert and vigorous than others in their sixties or fifties. Advancing age does not affect

everyone in the same way, and Mr. McCain always has impressed me with his physical stamina and mental capacity.

Michigan has no age limit for legislators or governors.

We do limit our judges, however, both local and state. No one can run for judicial office after his or her 70th birthday but can fulfill any term elected before 70. If elected at age 69, for example, a judge can serve the balance of the term, which may be for six or eight years, but cannot run again.

On the federal bench, there is no such limit, and many US Supreme Court members stay on the bench until they die.

Congress has no age limit. US Sen. Strom Thurmond kept being elected through his 90s, for example — although his last several years in office were not overly productive.

So if age is no barrier in mak-

ing federal laws, or interpreting the US constitution and federal laws, why should age be a barrier in carrying out the laws as president?

MOST OFFICE holders, including presidents, I presume, believe they simply "will know" when they are too old to do their jobs anymore, and graciously step aside at that time.

The problem with this theory, however, is that in my experience (including my own) many aging people find it difficult to impossible to admit to themselves — much less to others — that somehow their capacities have been reduced by age.

The truth is aging folks just aren't the same as they used to be, and they simply cannot perform either physical or mental activities like they once did and think they still can.

Advancing age is inevitable if you live long enough, and changes in mind and body and attitude and just about everything else are inevitable, too.

There is no automatic cutoff line that says 70 is the limit to perform public service. So to me, no, John McCain at 72 is not too old to be president, but at 75 or 76, he may be.

And although he's not too old to be elected president, in Michigan he's too old to be elected judge.

(For anyone who may wonder, this writer will be 81 this year, and will not accept nomination for vice president, even if it should be offered by any party.)

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Items were removed from cemetery with no notice

To the editor:

I went to the cemetery the latter part of the week of April 7, and the flowers and coins left at my husband's grave site, and our other family members' grave sites, were still there.

I went back on April 17, and saw that the flowers and coins that my family, friends and I had put there, including two hanging baskets on a shepherd's hook, were gone.

My husband was a coin collector, so family and friends would often put a coin on his headstone. In the seven and a half years since he died, these coins were never taken, but the week the flowers were disposed of, all of the silver coins (not the pennies) were taken.

I went to City Hall to see the sexton, Ben Chouinard, regarding everyone's missing flowers. He had only recently acquired

that position. He told me that all plastic items were to be removed by April 1, although he never announced that in the *Avalanche*. Even if it had been, a person could not have gotten into the cemetery, since the snow still had the roads closed off.

I can understand how hard it must be for the crew to try and clean up around the flowers, but the sexton should have had the courtesy to let the public know and should have given us time to get our flowers.

How do you think the snowbirds are going to react when they get back?

Regarding the coins, I hope the person that took them feels really proud of themselves. Even though the value wasn't much, it was the sentimental reason that they were put there.

Nita Millikin
Grayling

Let's make the 4th of July parade an extra special event

To the editor:

I am going all out to make this 4th of July, and the 4th of July parade, an extra special event in Grayling this year. I want to honor our flag and our country, our military, our veterans and celebrate our independence.

As you can see, I am starting early (there is much to do) and of course I need all the help I can get. I am asking ahead so that all businesses can consider some type of entry in our parade. You can contact Debbie Nemeth, at 348-4128, and she will reserve your space, answer your questions and keep in touch.

Grayling already has one of the best firework displays in northern Michigan, but it is at 10 at night. Starting off the day with a terrific parade, followed by activities throughout the day,

ought to be great for downtown businesses.

I ask that they consider having front activities, sales or specials to show off our new streetscape.

I am seeking people (clowns, mascots and costumes) to mingle in the crowds and pass out helium balloons, small flags, candy, etc. If you can help or can steer me toward those who can, let me know.

I will be calling on businesses for cash donations or gift certificates to raffie off. We want to heavily involve the kids and have lots of stuff to give away (french fries, soft drinks). Does anyone know of any bagpipers? If you can help, if you have ideas or if you know of someone I should get in touch with, please call 348-4771.

Phil Faustman
Grayling

Support efforts to seek justice

To the editor:

When a child comes to the attention of the judicial system as a primary victim, and, or as a witness, it is likely the result of abuse, either physical or sexual.

Children who are put in these situations are the truest kind of victims. They neither asked for nor deserved the abuse that was inflicted upon them.

As a result of the abuse, they often face a long and difficult road to recovery. At the very minimum, they deserve respect and consideration from the systems that were put into place to protect them. Unfortunately, this does not always happen.

Recently in the 46th Circuit Court, a criminal sexual conduct trial was held and the victim was a child. This child demonstrated a tremendous amount of courage in disclosing the abuse that had taken place and in surviving the endless questions by police, protective services and counselors. This victim mustered the strength to go through with a physical exam in an effort to collect evidence. Despite pain, fear, sleepless nights and severe emotional difficulties, this child found the strength to actively pursue criminal charges against the abuser. The victim sought justice.

Considering the abuse spanned two jurisdictions, a downstate court asked for the first opportunity to prosecute the defendant. Charges were filed with a local police department upon the completion of the downstate trial.

The child was told to go on with her life and await the trial. If only it were that easy. Everyday, when this child came home from school, she would ask her mom or dad, "did you hear anything about court today," only to be disappointed time and time again. She was strong though and trusted those who were suppose to protect victims. She trusted those who were suppose to seek justice for

her.

Month after month went by, with the trial being delayed for one reason or another. The trial that could end a nightmarish chapter for this child was put off time and time again. These delays continued for 15 months. Finally, despite an attempt made by the prosecutor to delay the trial yet again, it was held 21 months after the victim first disclosed the abuse.

One and a half days later, the jury found the defendant not guilty. One question the jury had was why had it taken so long. That question was never answered in court. As a result of this, there is a child who was denied justice.

A child, who waited with strength, courage, persistence and a real sense of class, was denied the right to feel safe, to feel heard and to feel believed.

This should never have happened, and in an effort to see that this does not happen to another child, Senator Stamas' office has been contacted in hopes of implementing a mandated timeframe for cases involving child victims.

You can help. Scattered at local businesses, churches and medical facilities are petitions that will be given to Senator Stamas. Show your support for this proposed idea by signing one of these petitions. You can also contact Senator Stamas directly at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, or on the Web at www.senate.michigan.gov.

The victim whose story you just read was denied justice because of a system that failed. We have the opportunity to show that these struggles were worth something. We can show others who are facing similar situations that we believe in them and support their efforts to seek justice for themselves. Please support this effort.

Abigail Smith
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an

address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Grayling needs this theme park

To the editor:

I live here in Crawford County and I am a full-time resident. It really irritates me when all of these "down staters" are against the proposed theme park. Who do these people think they are? One lady stated that she pays \$1,800 in taxes and money that she spends seasonally, which is nothing compared to what I spend here year round. She also talked about selling her seasonal home. Please do, and good luck, because there are no jobs here in

Grayling, so nobody is buying homes.

Grayling needs this theme park for the jobs and the boost to the economy that we so badly need.

Most of you down staters just come up here and tear up the land anyway. Do you think you are going to hurt our economy by trying to sell your seasonal home? Well good luck and good riddance.

Star Adkison
Grayling

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Will the Detroit Tigers rebound from their 2-10 start and make the playoffs?

Yes
33 votes
73%

No
12 votes
27%

This week's online poll question: How should local officials be handling the proposed Main Street America theme park?

To vote in our online poll, visit our Internet site:
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BRIEFS

Blood drives to be held

The American Red Cross will hold two local blood drives in May. The first one will be held on Thursday, May 1, at St. Mary's Family Center, 707 Spruce St., from noon - 5:45 p.m., and is sponsored by the Grayling community. A blood drive will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at the Grayling American Legion, 106 James St., from noon - 5:45 p.m., and is sponsored by the Grayling community. For more information, call 231-347-5984 or 1-800-582-2240, ext. 109.

GHS Class of 2011 to host Kids' Night Out

The GHS Class of 2011 will host a Kids' Night Out on Friday, April 25, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., at the Grayling High School, for kids ages 5-12. Games, activities, two G-rated movies, tattoos, face painting and a moon bounce will be available. The cost is \$5 per child and concessions will be sold at an additional cost. There will be plenty of adult supervision. Advance registration is required. Forms are available in the offices of the AuSable Primary, Grayling Elementary School and Grayling High School. For more information, contact Teresa Bonamie at 344-3512.

Church to hold pancake supper

The Community of Christ Church, located on the corner of North Down River Rd. and Glenn Rd., will hold their Annual Pancake Supper on April 26, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. A donation of \$7 per person, or \$24 for a family, is suggested. Proceeds will go to the Christian Help Center and the Community of Christ Church.

Internet safety course to be held

The Attorney General's Office presentation on internet safety will be held at the AuSable Primary School cafeteria on April 29, at 6:30 p.m. This is a one hour presentation. Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Jenny Hetfield at 344-3654.

VFW Post #3736 to hold ceremonies

The VFW Post #3736 will hold a short ceremony on May 1, at noon, at the eternal flame in front of the Crawford County Courthouse. A ceremony will follow at 1 p.m., in front of Mercy Manor, for Flag Day. The public is welcome.

Adopt-A-Pet Day to feature author

Visit the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Adopt-A-Pet Day. Johnathan Rand, author of American Chillers and Michigan Chillers, will be there with books available for purchase, with all proceeds going to benefit the shelter. Dogs and cats left for adoption will go to the Meet Your Best Friend adoption event at the Detroit Zoo on May 3 and 4. For more information, call 348-4117.

Church to show movie

The Resurrection Life Center, 2640 W. M-72, will show the movie "Fly Wheel" on April 27, at 6 p.m. There will be popcorn and it is open to the public.

KCC hosts annual nursing conference

Kirtland Community College's Department of Nursing is inviting all area nurses to its annual Spring Nursing Conference, "Take This Job and Love It," on Tuesday, May 13, at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Grayling.

The one-day conference will begin at 8:15 a.m. on May 13, with registration and a continental breakfast, and end at about 4:30 p.m. This year's topics include: "Pain Management in the Geriatric Population," by Julie Fagerlie; "Addressing the Nursing Shortage," by Carole Stacy; "One Next Step: Innovative BSN Education," by Sue Owens; and "Take This Job and Love It," by Cyndy Brower.

Cynde Kochensparger, nursing clinical coordinator at Kirtland, said the conference will help nurses fulfill several goals.

The spring conference will meet the Michigan State Board

of Nursing's continuing education requirement for pain management. But, to earn certification, participants must attend the entire conference, as no partial credits will be granted.

"The conference is being held the week following National Nurses Week - what a great way to continue to celebrate," Kochensparger added. "Also, it is close to home and a great opportunity to network with nurses locally."

Cost to attend is \$35 per student, or \$55 for a licensed nurse (either LPN or RN) if registering prior to Monday, April 28, and includes continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch. The fee increases to \$60 after April 28.

For more information, contact Kochensparger by calling 989-275-5000, extension 306, via e-mail at kochensparger@kirtland.edu or visit online at www.kirtland.edu/academic/nur.htm.

Agency on Aging announces availability of funds

The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging announced the availability of funds for fiscal year 2009. In accordance with the Annual Implementation Plan, funds are to provide the following services: Disease Prevention Health Promotion, Adult Day Services and National Family Caregiver Support Program.

All funds are available for the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan,

Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging must receive letters of intent to apply for funds by Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

For further information, contact Misty Dragiewicz, Grants Manager, Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707, or call 989-356-3474.

Grayling to celebrate May Day with Streetscape Stroll

Main Street Grayling will celebrate its own version of May Day, the Streetscape Stroll, on Thursday, May 1, as selected merchants, restaurants and the Rialto Theatre will team up to provide a day of shopping, dining and discounts. The Macomers will be coming to town for two performances. The day will begin with the arrival of groups from the area at the gazebo in downtown Grayling, where a cup of coffee and a donut will be available between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Individual packets, containing shopping discounts, a coupon for selected restaurants for lunch, and a ticket for the matinee performance at the Rialto, will fill out the day.

There will also be an evening performance, and several of the restaurant locations will offer the same luncheon at the dinner hour. The coupon discount packets will be honored both Thursday and Friday.

"The Macomers are no strangers to the area and will offer an upbeat high energy song and dance presentation that area residents have come to expect and enjoy," said event coordinator RJ Hannan.

Packages, which include a welcome coffee and donut, lunch, a show ticket and the

coupon discount packet for \$15, may be purchased at the following locations: Spike's, Goodale's Bakery, Riverland, J. Dap Co., Davis Jewelers, The Medicine Shoppe, The Icehouse Quilt Shop, Kelly Yousoufian, Northern Litho Printing, AuSable Gifts, AuSable Woodworking Co., Grayling Auto Repair, Cultural Affairs and Educational Programs, Rialto Theatre, Citizens Bank, North County Corner, Westside Diner, Lange Vending, Kiwanis Club, Grayling Restaurant, China West, Dharma Records, Another Man's Treasure, Grayling Pharmacy, House of Jerky, This That N' More and the Crawford County Avalanche. These stores will also have individual tickets at \$6 per person for the matinee or evening performance.

On Friday, the Macomers will present two shows tailored to the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary students at the theatre. These performances, as well as those that are part of the streetscape stroll, are made possible through the generous support of lead sponsors Chemical Bank, Grayling Ramada Inn, Flowers By Josie/Thanks A Latte, the Grayling Rotary and area businesses and individuals.

Garden club holds container garden workshop

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will present its first garden workshop of the season, "Creating an Early Spring Container Garden," on May 1 at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. It will be presented by Lisa Oliver, a member of the Garden Club and an active member in the Horticulture Industry.

Oliver will go over the steps in creating your own early spring container garden. Weather in northern Michigan can be challenging in the spring. While days are often sunny and warm, it is not uncommon to have damp chilly days and frosty nights. All of which prevent any real flower gardening endeavors until the later part of the month. Here is a chance to put together a container garden that you can enjoy at your door step or set outside the kitchen window. Plants selected, while cool tolerant, will require some protection on frosty evenings.

Bring your own container, no larger than eight inches, and enough sterile potting mix to fill it. Whimsical containers are encouraged, such as an old work boot, an antique wicker basket, a small wooden crate, etc. Plants will be provided.

RSVP by April 28 at 989-348-8519. There is a limit of 40 people.

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The Bible Speaks

Our Problem is Self and Sin

Paul uses over 3 dozen personal pronouns in the last few verses of Romans 7 to remind us of the impossibility of sanctification by self effort under God's holy law. He has already told us in Romans 7:12 that God's law is holy, just and good. Yet God's holy, just and good law can only reveal the presence, power, and perversion of sin in our daily lives, it has no power to remove sin.

So Paul admits that God's holy law teaches us law's goodness in Romans 7:16: "16If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good." As he already taught us in Romans 7:15, God's law teaches us what is right and wrong, and what to love or hate. God's holy law is good because it reveals to us the moral standards of a Holy God.

God's law teaches us sin's indwelling presence in our old sinful nature in Romans 7:17: "17Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." As James 4:5 says: "5Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?" "8If we say

that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1John 1:8). "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "9Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?" (Proverbs 20:9).

God's holy law teaches us self's inherent weakness to avoid wrong and do right in Romans 7:18: "18For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." Paul is not saying he never thinks, says, or does good, but that none of these things make him acceptable to God. Before destroying the world in the universal flood God said in Genesis 6:5: "5And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." That is because God's standard of holiness is far above human standards. (Habakkuk 1:13).

God's holy law teaches us self's complete failure to obey and do right in Romans 7:19: "19For the good that I would I do

not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." This is a repeat of what he said earlier in Romans 7:15: "15For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I."

God's holy law teaches us self's enslavement to sin and evil in Romans 7:20: "20Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." He is confessing that his carnal nature is enslaved to the practice of evil.

God's holy law teaches us self's enslavement to the presence of evil in Romans 7:21: "21I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."

To live holy lives we must surrender self completely to the control of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to give us victory over sins of thought, word, and deed in our daily lives. Pastor "B"

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of April 24 - 30 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during April 24 - 25 and April 28 - 30.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Mortar live fire will be conducted on April 30.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 24 - 30.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, April 25 - 26.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612

and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Weapons live fire will be conducted, April 29 - 30.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on April 29 - 30. Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call, 1-989-344-6320.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities: Friday, April 25 - Lunch - Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans almandine and mixed fruit. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, April 28 - Lunch - sloppy Joe on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli and pineapple. Dinner - macaroni and cheese, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad and fresh fruit salad. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 11:15 a.m. Flying Fish Lodge and Classic Rialto movie trip.

Tuesday, April 29 - Lunch - beef tips in gravy with noodles, Brussels sprouts, carrots and pears. Dinner - shepherd's pie, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, April 30 - Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, mixed vegetables, a bread stick and a banana. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, pineapple and apple crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

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Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

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Sunday School 9:45 am
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Primary 12 noon
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Relief Society 12 noon

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Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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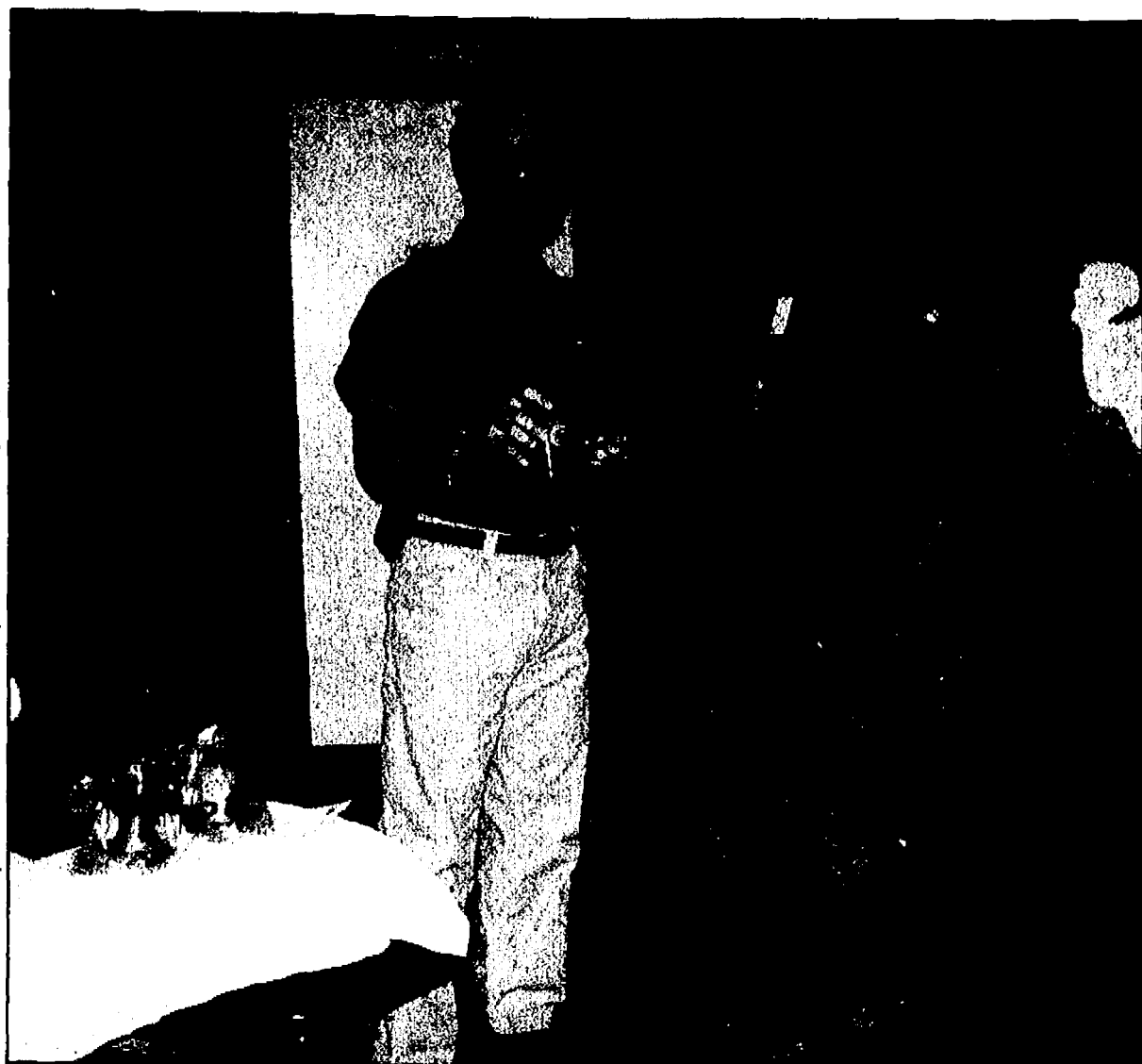
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Oxygen masks donated to save family pets



Twenty fire departments and EMS organizations in Crawford and Roscommon Counties, including the Grayling City/Township Fire Department and the South Branch Township Fire Department, recently received pet oxygen masks from the Invisible Fence Company. Beaver Creek Township resident Kathy Pardo Carlson, a paramedic for the Denton Township Fire Department and a firefighter and EMT for the Higgins Township Fire Department/EMS, spearheaded the effort to get the pet oxygen masks. Carlson said that when family pets are subjected to the inhalation of smoke or inhaled toxins, they are hard to resuscitate. Emergency responders frequently attempt ventilation efforts with either poor success rates and/or danger to themselves. Attempting mouth to snout breathing on an animal leaves the responder in jeopardy if the animal comes around, is fearful and attempts to bite the responder. In addition, it has been hard to administer much needed oxygen to these pets in those types of emergencies. With the donation of pet oxygen masks, emergency personnel can administer oxygen, and with the addition of a bag-valve system, can perform rescue breathing for a family pet who has suffered smoke inhalation during a house fire. Above top, Rodney Collins, a representative from Invisible Fence Company in Midland, explains how to use one of the pet oxygen masks with Terry MacKillop, the Roscommon County animal control officer, and his golden retriever Remington. Above bottom, Collins demonstrates the use of the mask with Remington.

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Mercy Hospital raises awareness

Health care issues have grabbed headlines nationally and around the state as the nation prepares for a change of leadership in the White House next year.

At Mercy Hospital Grayling, access to health care and the importance of meeting the health needs of the community never have been political ideas - rather they represent philosophical commitments that go right to the core of the organization.

As Cover the Uninsured Week arrives April 27 - May 3, Mercy Hospital Grayling remains dedicated to the mission that began with Sisters of the Holy Cross and the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit. These two congregations of women dedicated their lives to those lacking access to health care.

"We are encouraging employees to write their legislators about the need for access to affordable health care," said Katie Tinker, supervisor at Mercy Hospital Grayling's Customer Access Department. "We're also planning a volunteer hours drive for the Ausable Free Clinic."

Cover the Uninsured Week is a national effort to inform Americans about health care issues, lobby policy makers about the need for action on health care legislation and enroll people eligible for government health insurance coverage.

During Fiscal Year 2007, Mercy Hospital Grayling covered \$445,926 in costs for patients who qualified for charity care. During the period March 2007 to March 2008, Mercy Grayling staff helped 424 outpatients and 86 inpatients

Mercy Hospital Grayling Community Benefit

Fiscal Year 2007

Unpaid Cost of Charity Care:	\$445,926
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obtain Medicaid coverage.

"On a regular basis, Mercy Hospital Grayling benefits our communities by providing substantial charity care through our emergency and other hospital departments," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "We also provide free or low-cost clinics, school health programs and health wellness activities. These programs are designed to ensure that those in our community who need health care are served, even if they never walk into our hospital."

Mercy Hospital Grayling's total community benefit for the poor and underserved in fiscal year 2007 was \$3.3 million, including \$1.17 million in general community benefit programs, \$810,705

in the unpaid cost of Medicaid and \$891,189 in Medicaid tax.

Mercy Hospital Grayling's prenatal program for teen moms continues to provide tremendous benefits in preventing low birth weight births. Other hospital programs meet pressing needs but financially may never be able to stand-alone - two examples are palliative services and the Ausable Free Clinic.

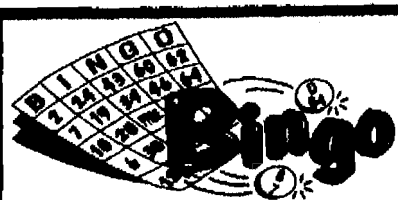
"The mission of Mercy Hospital Grayling and Trinity Health, our parent organization, goes back to our roots," Riemer-Matuzak said. "We continue to dedicate ourselves to providing the best care possible for those in the community with health needs, regardless of their financial status."

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GHS Forensics Team qualifies for regionals

All eight members of the Grayling High School Forensics Team recently qualified for the regional forensics tournament that was held on April 19, at Lake City High School, involving 19 schools from Michigan.

Forensics is an individual speech event organized on a state level that offers a variety of interpretations and public address categories. The Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association (MIFA) tournaments and the Invitational Tournaments provide the opportunities for students to compete in one of 14 events. The tri-level elimination series includes a district, regional and state final tournament for all events.

The 14 events offered are, in the Interpretation category: prose, storytelling, poetry, dramatic, duo, multiple and (duo 9-10). The Public Address category includes: broadcasting, informative, extemporaneous, impromptu, oratory, sales and (informative 9-10).

In the six invitational tournaments that this year's team competed in, the Grayling High School Forensics Team earned three first places and three second places.

Individually, there were 13 first places this season, eight second places, seven third places, two fourth places, four fifth places, one sixth place and two seventh places. These were individually earned by an outstanding group of eight students.



The GHS Forensics Team is shown here from L to R (back row) Kilah Vanderstelt, Jon Lovely, Emily Sloan and coach Chris Lackenbucher; (front row) Meghan Wyskiel, Kelsey Gilbert, April Kornell, Brianna Farrell and Reid Holzbauer.

Several of the team members began preparing for their individual events the summer before the start of the school year. They must research a topic, write essays and speeches, find appropriate material based on particular criteria, memorize 7-10 minute excerpts from plays, poetry, or novels, follow current events, or prepare props and practice presenting their chosen event within the guidelines of the MIFA standards. Many hours were put into practice by these students and their dedicated coach.

Chris Lackenbucher, an English teacher at Grayling High School, has spent countless hours coaching these students. His efforts to prepare and polish each student's presentation has allowed for this successful year.

The tournaments were held on Saturdays, and the students and coaches, along with some parents, generally would meet between 5 a.m. - 6 a.m. to drive to the tournaments. An average tournament can run six or more hours, with tight and stressful competition, before the team returns home between 7 p.m. - 8

p.m. The eight team members are highly involved students who belong to many different teams and organizations within the school system, as well as taking accelerated, college-bound classes. Their determination and dedication, along with Chris Lackenbucher's teaching, deserve high accolades.

This year's team consists of seniors Reid Holzbauer and Kilah Vanderstelt and juniors Emily Sloan, April Kornell, Jon Lovely, Meghan Wyskiel, Kelsey Gilbert and Brianna Farrell.

MILITARY NEWS

Michael F. Joseph of Grayling, a member of the Camp Grayling based 1071st Maintenance

Company, Michigan Army National Guard, was recently awarded the Army Achievement

Medal for meritorious service while on assignment in Germany. Joseph, a heavy equipment mechanic, has been a member of the Michigan National Guard for 12 years and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Jared Welch of Grayling, a member of the Camp Grayling based 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, recently completed the Warrior Leadership Course. Welch, an automated logistics specialist, has been a member of the Michigan National Guard for three years.

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Grayling High School art students join the spring art walk



Student artist Katie Ferrigan is one of 14 Grayling High School students that will show off their creativity at the Spring Art Walk.

The Watershed Art Project (WAP) steering committee scrambles to find room for the addition of a Student Art Show in the downtown Spring Art Walk to be held on April 26. After seeing a poster promoting the Spring Art Walk, Katie Ferrigan, a senior at Grayling High School (GHS), approached Watershed to request that some of the art students be given space to show off their creativity.

Ferrigan stated, "This is an outstanding opportunity for GHS students to get to display their artwork. It's a way to familiarize the community with what the art department has to offer. Many kids really have a passion for art and it means a lot to us that people are actually going to take the time to check out our artwork."

The mission of the Watershed Art Project is to raise the awareness of fine art in our community. Promoting the arts at the student level is a significant part of that mission.

"We're excited to make the necessary last minute adjustments to ensure participation of students artists. We really want to encourage their artistic endeavors," remarked committee member, Terry Dickinson.

Student artists Audrey Alimenti, Mitch Alimenti, Evie Clark, Amber Collen, Jason Drudge, Katie Ferrigan, Cody Frankowski, Jessie Hoppe, Shauna Kappers, Monica Peters, Nate Pickell, Lucas Pippin, Radel Rosin and Marlo Russell will show their work.

Art patrons will view students' work in ceramics, chalk and oil pastel drawings, charcoal drawings, oil paintings and watercolor paintings.

Thirteen businesses in the downtown area will host 15 artists, with one or two artists featured at each of the businesses. The participating businesses are: The Ice House, North Country Corner, Dharma Music, J. Dap, Three Lakes Abstract and Title, Riverland Gear, The

Bicycle Shop, Flowers by Josie/Thanks a Latte, The Jerky House, Radio Shack, Davis Jewelers, Parrott's Perch and Apollo's Lyre (previously Fannie Finn's).

The Spring Art Walk will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the opening day of trout season, April 26. Those who visit all 13 locations will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. Several awards will be presented to artists to honor the quality of their work. Refreshments and live music will create a festive atmosphere.

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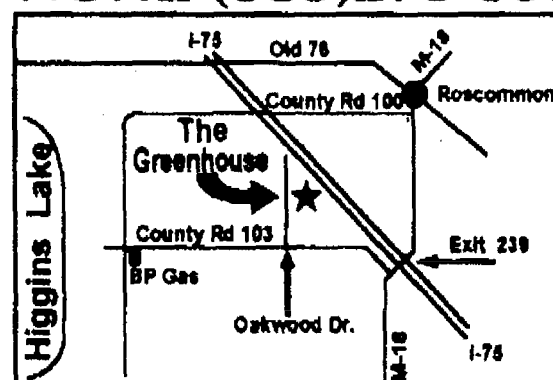
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by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

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Honey Haulers and RV Care, located at 2872 North M-18, opened earlier this month.

Run by Kurt Stocker and his fiancée April Olson, Honey Haulers and RV Care offers RV storage, cleaning, pumping, hauling and light repair work.

Stocker said he got the idea to start the business when he stored some RVs for friends who would ask him to set up and take down their camping units for the weekend.

"It just kind of grew from there and I saw a definite need for it," said Stocker, who is a lifelong RV owner. "With the cost of gas the way it is, they can drive their family car up here, and it makes it more affordable to enjoy the north woods."

Stocker said that the business is booking up fast for the upcoming camping season, due to word of mouth referrals about their services.

"Everybody is looking to save a dollar these days and you can't blame them," Stocker said. "It's a cost savings and a headache savings. Our whole goal is to take the work out of camping."

Customers are required to reserve their own camp sites, and Honey Haulers will take the

RVs to the site, set them up and take them down.

Stocker has operated Stocker Excavating in Roscommon for four years. He offers some on site storage and is working with Keno Storage in Roscommon to provide additional storage.

Stocker said he is available to serve customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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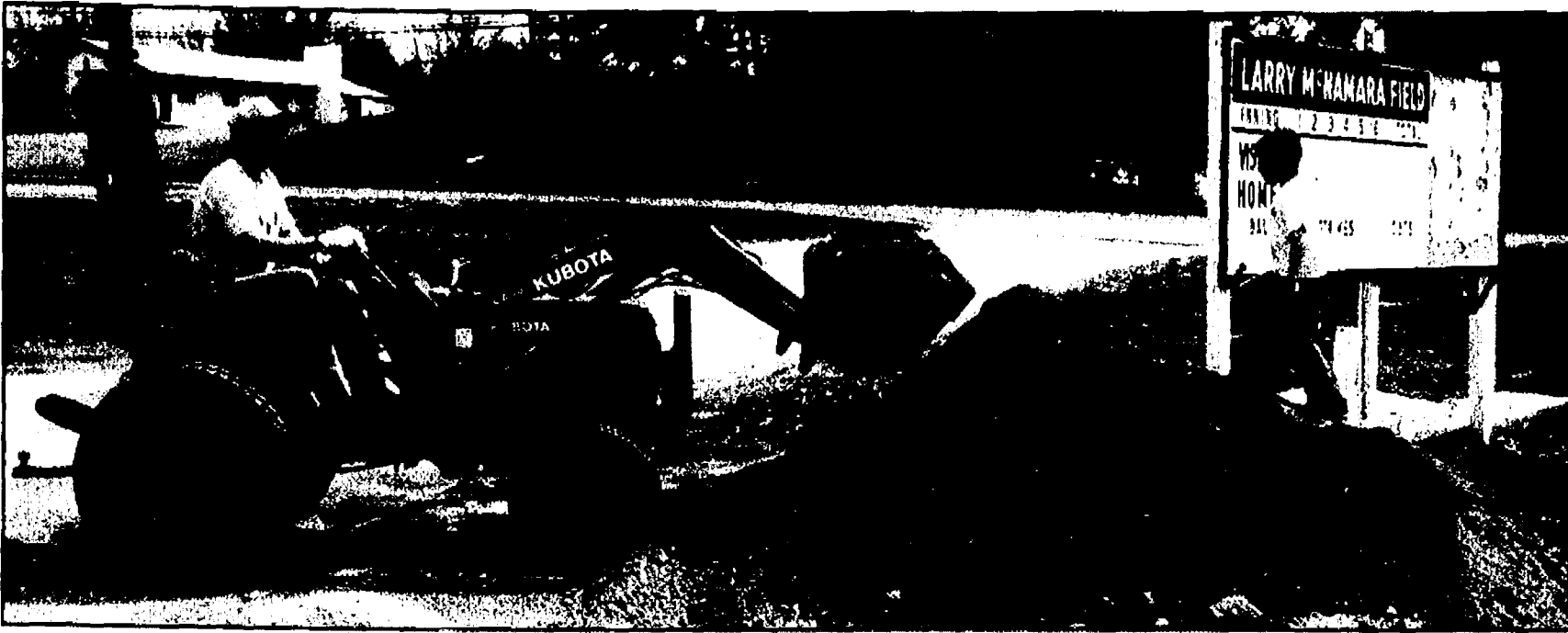
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League gets fields ready for 2008 season



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Filley selected as 2008 Miss Teen Michigan Galaxy

Fawn Filley of Grayling has been selected as Miss Teen Michigan Galaxy, and will represent Michigan in the Miss Teen Galaxy Pageant held July 30 through Aug. 3 in Orlando, Fla.

Filley is the daughter of Richard and Crystal Filley and plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University in the fall for a degree in Elementary Special Education. Other than her passion to help children, she enjoys playing the drums, snowboarding, dancing, dirt biking, playing guitar hero and hanging out with her friends.

The competition will consist of five proportional segments: photogenic, fashion wear, evening gown, fitness/swimsuit and interview. Eligible women must be at least 13 years of age, single and a resident of Michigan. During the competition, a panel of judges will score the contestants on beauty, charm, personality, poise and the ability to articulate.

The winner of the Miss Teen Galaxy Pageant will receive many prizes including the opportunity to travel the nation for a year as a role model and spokesperson for young women. Miss Teen Michigan Galaxy is



2008 Miss Teen Michigan Galaxy winner, Fawn Filley, of Grayling, made an official appearance to 4th graders at the Grayling Elementary School in March. Filley talked to the class about pageants, self-confidence and being a positive role model.

an official preliminary to the Miss Teen Galaxy international event. www.MichiganGalaxyPageants.com.

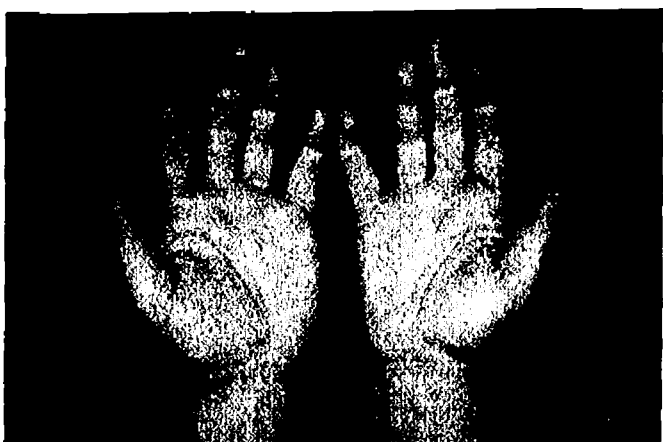
Area women who are interested in participating in Miss Teen Michigan Galaxy should phone 810-743-2855 or e-mail Britt.Harrison@MichiganGalaxyPageants.com, or visit the web at

LIBRARY NEWS

"Hemingway was a Fudgie ... and I'm Glad" is a Devereaux Memorial Library program with special guest Tom Carney, who will discuss the lighter side of Ernest Hemingway. The Michigan Humanities Council picked a classic Hemingway novel, "The Nick Adams Stories", to be the "Great Michigan Read" book for 2008. You can join the C.C.L.L. Book Club on Tuesday, April 29, at 5 p.m. There will be a lively discussion, an informative talk and some traditional up north refreshments including pasties and of course ... fudge. If you would like to join, call Jane at 989-348-9214, ext. 1.

Join the Frederic Community Library's first C.C.L.L. Book Club meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 5 p.m. to discuss "Raven Black" by Ann Cleeves. It is a murder mystery that takes place on Shetland Island. In keeping with a Scottish theme some traditional ethnic food will be served. This event is part of the Shetland Island Sisterhood program being held throughout May and is sponsored by MCACA and The Friends of the Crawford County Library. For more information, contact Connie Meyer at 989-348-4067.

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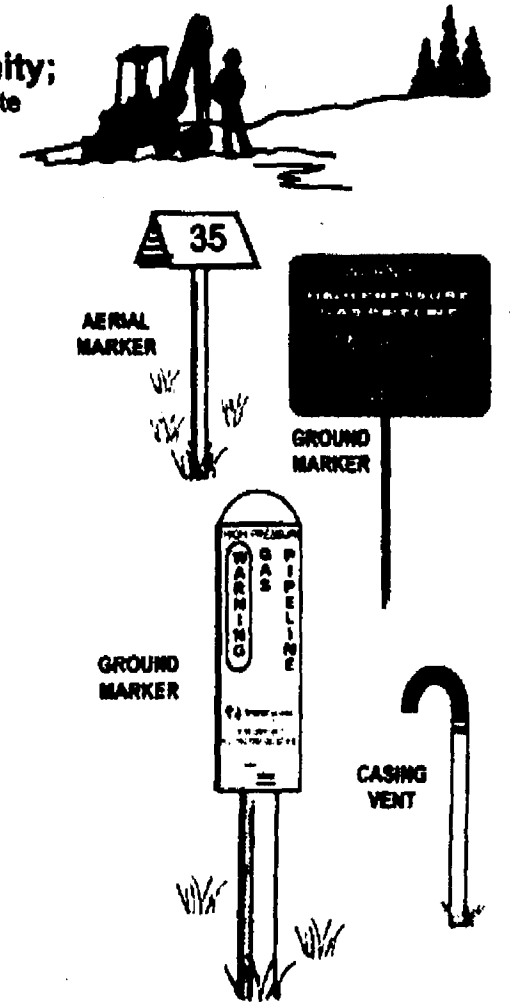
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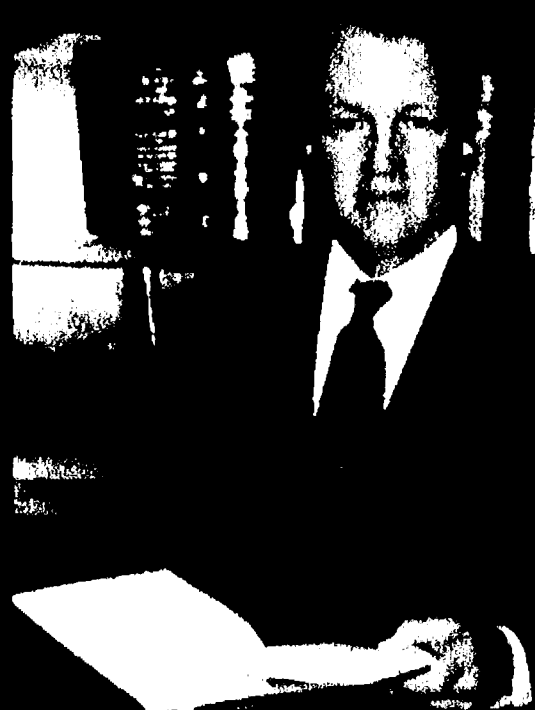
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OBITUARIES

William Ruddy

William Ruddy passed away on April 17, 2008.

A funeral service will be held on May 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Helen Crawford

A graveside service for Helen Crawford will be held at 11 a.m., on April 26, at the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

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Bodil H. Jyla

Bodil H. Jyla, 77, of Kalkaska, passed away on April 21, 2008, at Munson Medical Center. A memorial service will be planned at the family cottage at a later date.

Arrangements made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

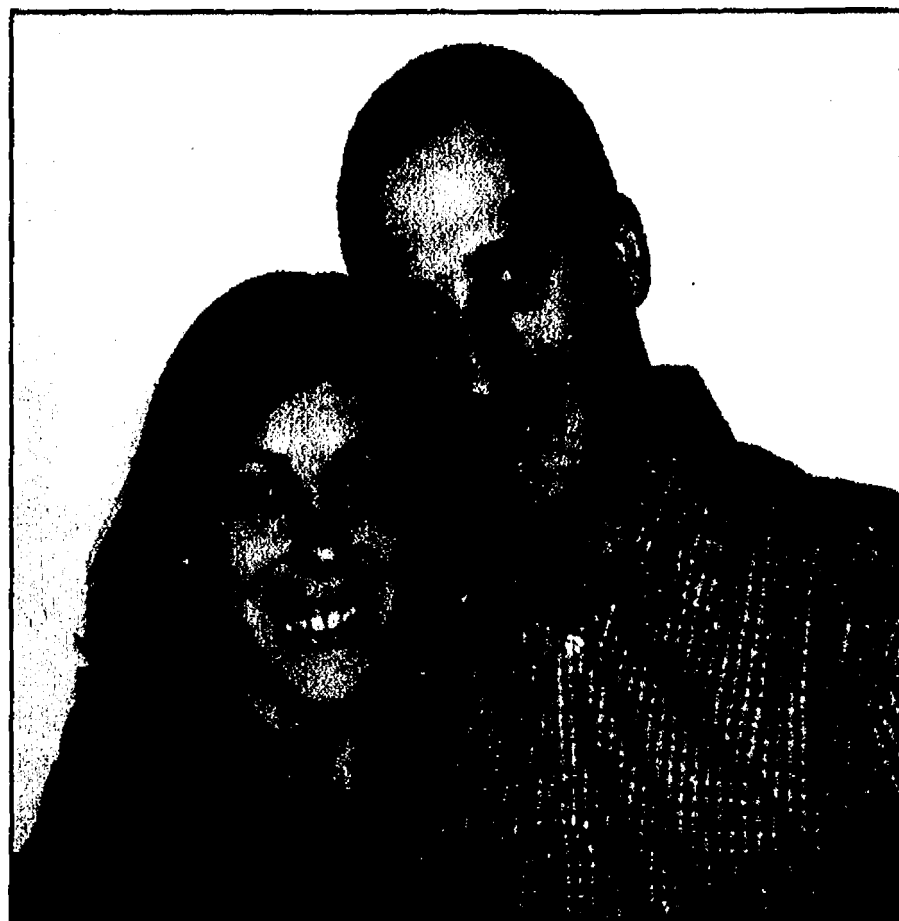
Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 82 complaints the week of April 14 - April 20:

One EMS response, 16 general non-criminal complaints, one structure fire, one trees-brush-grass fire, one hazardous-spill, leak, power line, three false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, two burglaries/home invasions, one burglary-entering without permission, one larceny, one damage to property, 10 public peace/disorderlies, nine health and safeties, three conservations, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, nine traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, four inspections/investigations-property, one inspection/investigation-other, one family trouble-domestic, nine suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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Hartman, Hunter engaged



Kimberly Hartman and Colin Hunter

John and Sharon Hartman of Roscommon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Sue Hartman, 27, to Colin Gerard Hunter, 27. Colin is the son of John G. Hunter and Barbara R. Hunter of Grayling.

Both Kimberly and Colin are 1999 graduates of Grayling High School.

Kimberly is a 2003 graduate of Grand Valley State University and a 2007 graduate of New York Chiropractic College. She

currently practices as a Chiropractor and Kinesio Taping Practitioner in Mio.

Colin is a 2003 graduate of Northern Michigan University and a 2007 graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is currently a law clerk for the 46th Circuit Trial Court in Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties.

The couple currently resides in Grayling.

An August, 2008, wedding is planned.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of April 13 - April 19:

Four traffic warnings, one civil infraction citation issued, three private property accidents, three motorist assists, one misdemeanor arrest, three civil com-

plaints, nine larceny complaints, four juvenile complaints, two alarm responses, one fire response, one suspicious situation, two assist other departments, one disturbance complaint, two animal control complaints, two B&E complaints, one city ordinance violation and 20 unclassified complaints.

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Track squad posts 10 division wins in first meet of the season

■ Vikings place well in several events at last Monday's seven-team Ogemaw Invitational

Grayling High School's boys and girls track teams combined for 10 division wins at last Monday's Ogemaw Invitational, the first meet of the 2008 spring season for both squads.

For scoring purposes, the meet was split into two divisions, one for "large" schools (Division I) and one for "small" schools (Division II). Division I included Ogemaw Heights, Cheboygan, Alpena, and Bay City John Glenn. Division II included Grayling, Tawas, and Roscommon.

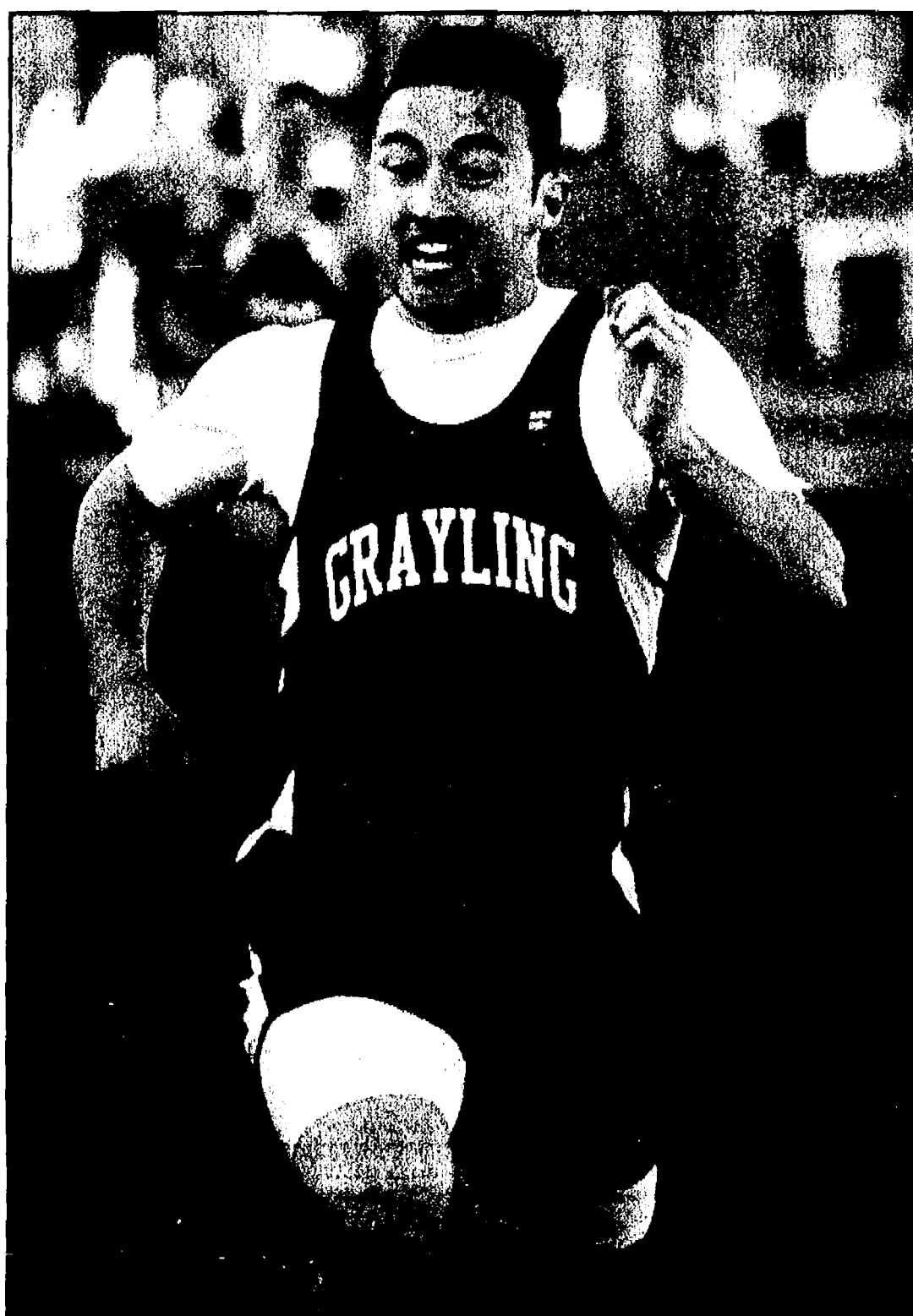
Grayling's boys team took first place in six events in Division II. Three of their first place finishes were good enough to place first overall in the entire meet.

Isaac VanNuck won the high jump event with a leap of 5'11". VanNuck's jump was the best in either division. VanNuck also won the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.03.

Jason Drudge's time in the 1600-meter run (4:41.39) was the best posted in either division.

Dustin Schutt placed first in Division II in the discus competition with a throw of 115'11". Matt Letts took second in the division with a throw of

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Photos by Caleb Casey

Ryan Cooper, left, finishes a sprint event for the Vikings during last Monday's Ogemaw Invitational track meet. Heaven Bergman, right, throws a discus for Grayling on Monday night at Ogemaw.

Baseball team sweeps Boyne City in season opener

■ Varsity squad splits doubleheader at East Jordan, losing 1-0 and winning 10-1

The GHS varsity baseball team won three out of four Lake Michigan Conference games last week, including a sweep of the Boyne City Ramblers in the squad's season opener on Tuesday night.

Grayling defeated Boyne City 2-1 in the first game of last week's league doubleheader. The Vikings won in extra innings when catcher Geo Bindschatel scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Rich Schreiber pitched a two-hitter for the Vikings and picked up the win. Schreiber also hit a home run for GHS in the contest.

The Vikings won the second game of the series 13-6.

Josh Stapleton, pitching in relief of starter Taylor Desenfans, was the winning pitcher for the Vikings. Grayling scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to put the game out of reach. Eric Ferrigan had two hits and two RBIs. Stapleton had one hit and two RBIs. Jacob Aubry had one hit and two RBIs. Jimmy Osga scored three runs.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Rich Schreiber throws a pitch for Grayling vs. Boyne City on Tuesday.

Boys golf team prepares to play in the spring for the first time

■ Squad has one of its largest groups ever with a total of 16 golfers this year

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's Grayling High School boys golf team, which opens its 2008 season with three meets this week, has more overall depth than any of the program's recent squads.

Boys golf is being played during the spring season for the first time this year. Golf was one of several sports to be realigned in 2007-2008 due to a court ruling against the Michigan High School Athletic Association in a gender equity lawsuit, a suit that successfully sought to switch the girls volleyball and girls basketball seasons.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Jon Lovely hits a ball at Grayling Country Club's driving range during golf practice on April 16.

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Monday, May 6, 2008

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Tulip Festival Holland

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Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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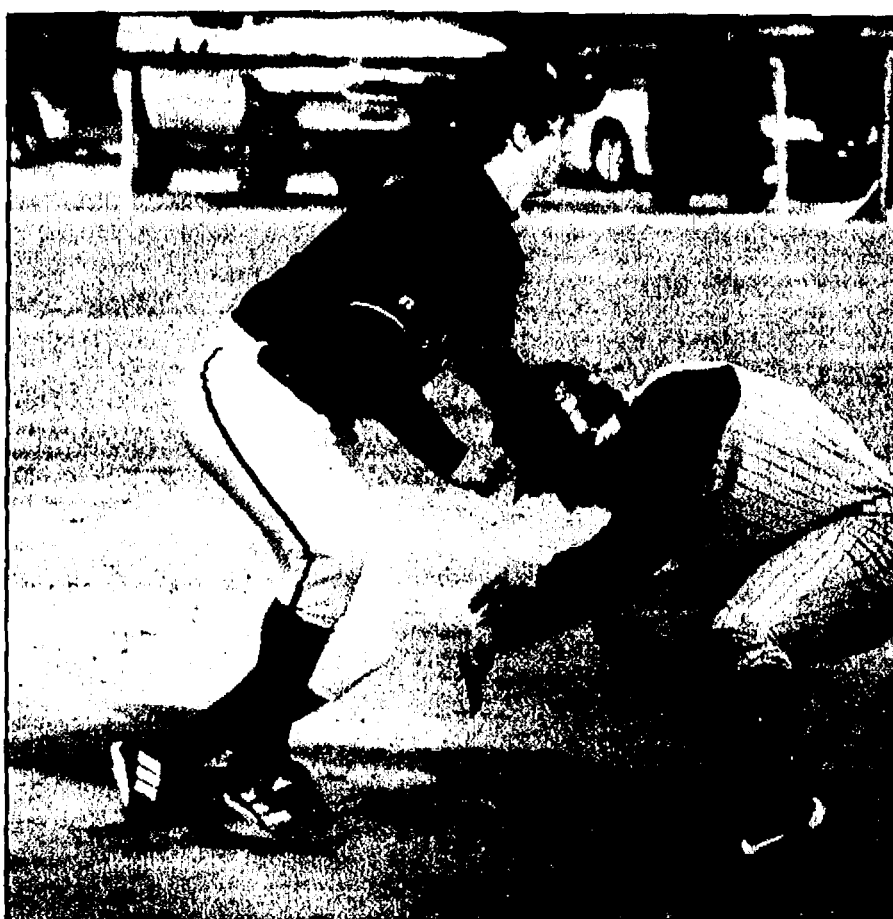
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To request information concerning expanded services call Richard @ 348-4101



Photos by Caleb Casey

Third baseman Eric Ferrigan, left, tags a Boyne City runner during a run-down on Tuesday night. Jacob Aubry, right, runs from second base to third base on Tuesday vs. Boyne City.

Baseball team sweeps Boyne City in season opener

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Grayling split a doubleheader with the East Jordan Red Devils on Friday night at East Jordan.

The Red Devils won a 1-0 pitcher's duel in game one.

The Vikings took the second game by a final score of 10-1. Desenfants pitched a one-hitter for Grayling.

"Desenfants gave up a hit to the first batter and never looked back," Coach John Schneider said.

Schreiber had two hits and five RBIs. Bindschatel had one hit and two RBIs. Rocky McNamara had one hit and one RBI. Desenfants had two hits.

On Saturday, the Vikings played in the Kingsley Tournament, posting a 1-1 record.

Grayling lost its first game of

the tournament 10-0 to Harbor Light Northern Christian. Harbor Light's pitcher threw a no-hitter.

Jensen Aubry, a freshman, pitched three innings, holding Harbor Light to two runs.

"He pitched extremely well in his first varsity game," Coach Schneider said.

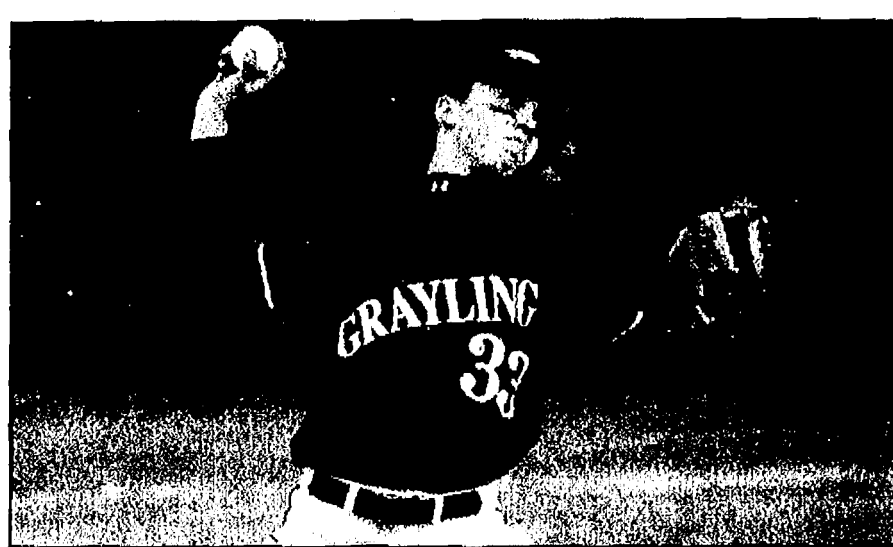
Mike Davis pitched in relief.

"(Mike) looked very good, but the Vikings committed five errors, leading to six runs. Harbor added two (runs) in the fifth (inning) to end the game," Coach Schneider said.

In the consolation game, Grayling won 9-1.

Stapleton and McNamara combined for a three-hitter, with Stapleton getting the win.

On offense, McNamara had two hits and three RBIs. Andy Hulbert and Peter Alexander col-



Taylor Desenfants pitches in game two of the Boyne City series on Tuesday.

lected two hits and two RBIs each.

"We are off to our best start since 2004, going 4-2 in the first six games. We are currently tied for first with a 3-1 record in (the Lake Michigan Conference),"

Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings (4-2 overall, 3-1 league) will play at Gaylord on Thursday, April 24, at 4 p.m. The team will play in the Standish Tournament on Saturday, April 26.

Boys golf team prepares to play in the spring for the first time

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As part of the season realignment, girls golf moved to fall this year and boys golf moved to spring. Boys golf now competes for players with baseball and track, instead of football and soccer. The season change didn't have a negative effect on overall player numbers this year. In fact, the program was forced to cut people, and the squad still has a large group with 16 participants this year.

"We had 25 sign up, and we had to cut down to 16. We've never had to cut before," Coach Mark Rutter said. "We can only take five kids to tournaments."

Coach Rutter, who is in his first season as coach of the Vikings, said the team has about "eight guys that probably will be competing weekly to see who plays in the tournaments," and the rest will be working on improving their skills.



Dakota Peterson hits a ball at practice on Wednesday.

"I really think we're going to have a strong team," Coach Rutter said. "We have two to three seniors likely to see tournament play. We'll have juniors and sophomores playing, which certainly bodes well for upcoming years. We have a couple freshmen we kept on the team that have real potential."

The Vikings practiced once inside the gym before spring break, hitting balls against the batting cage net at Grayling High School. The team's fourth outside practice, held last Wednesday at Grayling Country

Club, included driving range work, chipping, and putting.

"We're going to find out how good we are on Monday," Coach Rutter said last Wednesday, five days before the squad's first meet of the 2008 season.

The Vikings had league meets at Boyne City and Charlevoix on Monday, April 21, and Wednesday, April 23, respectively. The team will compete in the Farwell Invitational on Friday, April 25. The Vikings will host the Grayling Invitational at Grayling Country Club on Thursday, May 1, at 9 a.m.

HONORS (SPORTS)

Hannah Haven, 12, of Grayling, recently participated in a soccer tournament in Marquette at the Superior Dome. Her team, NorthStar 95 of Traverse City, finished with a record of three wins and one tie to win the U13 girls age division. They competed against teams from Gaylord and Marquette. Hannah, a midfielder, scored in the second contest of the day to help in the 2-0 victory.

NorthStar 95 competes in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Program, which includes teams from around the state. NorthStar 95's division has teams from the Detroit, Jackson, Dexter and Saginaw areas.



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Vikings of the Week

Rich Schreiber Taylor Desenfants

Baseball
Coach: John Schneider

RICH SCHREIBER & TAYLOR DESENFANTS

As a pitcher, Rich has 13 strikeouts, while surrendering only 5 hits, in 2 games. At the plate, he has one home run and 7 RBIs in the first 6 games. Taylor pitched a one-hitter vs. East Jordan in a win for the Vikings last week. He also had 2 hits in the contest.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Isaac VanNuck, left, and Annie Melroy, right, compete in relay races for the Vikings during last Monday's Ogemaw Invitational.

Track squad posts 10 division wins in first meet of the season

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113'01". Both throws were personal records for the two Grayling athletes. Letts took second in the shot put event with a throw of 40'07", and Schutt finished fourth with a throw of 33'9.5".

Two of Grayling's relay teams — 4X100-meter and 4X400-meter — took first place in Division II. The 4X100-meter relay squad — VanNuck, Brady Coe, Tory Myers, and Ryan Cooper — posted a time of 47.62. The 4X400-meter relay team, which consisted of VanNuck, Matt McDonald, Cooper, and Drudge, placed first with a time of 3:43.19.

Coe took fourth in Grayling's division in the long jump event with a leap of 15'7.75". Cody Myers finished fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.15. C. Myers also took fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.48. Cooper placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.92. Ashton Linkhart finished third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:54.29.

Colin Hamlin and Max Kluge finished second and third, respectively, in Division II in the 800-meter run with times of 2:19.13 and 2:25.77.

"I am really proud of the team to come out and compete the way they did," Coach Matt Collins said. "Everyone ran, jumped, and threw hard. The weather was windy and it got really cold towards the end, and the team

stayed strong and ran through it. This was our first meet, and, as a coach, it showed me areas of where we need to work on, but it also showed me more than I expected, with what everyone accomplished and showed me. We are coming home with a runner-up trophy in our division. We had some extremely strong performances and a lot of personal records accomplished already."

The girls team won four events in Division II, and placed well in several other events at last week's Ogemaw Invitational.

Hailey McMahon finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.18. Brianna Kirk took third (14.43) and Annie Melroy placed fourth (15.47) in the 100-meter dash.

Three Vikings finished in the top three in the discus event in Division II. Heaven Bergman was first (62'3"), Laura Boylan took second (58'3"), and Becky Hohl (54'5") placed third. Boylan finished third in the shot put event with a throw of 23'9".

In Division II, Rachel Doremire took second in the 1600-meter run (6:52.08).

Richelle Grosskopf finished third in the 400-meter dash (1:16.91) and fourth in the long jump (12'7").

McMahon and Rachel Ward placed second and fifth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash with times of 29.59 and 30.57.

The Vikings won two relay events in Division II — 4X100-



Rachel Doremire runs in a long distance event for Grayling on Monday, April 14.

meter and 4X200-meter. The 4X100-meter relay squad — McMahon, Kirk, Melroy, and Jamie Hagerman — posted the best overall time of the meet at 56.61. The 4X200-meter relay team — Hagerman, Melroy, McMahon, and Ward — won Division II with a time of 1:58.58.

"The meet was scored by division, and this was a great opportunity for our kids to race against bigger schools," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "The girls had

some good finishes against Division I schools. Overall, the 800-meter relay took second behind Ogemaw Heights and the 400-meter relay took first overall. There was a lot of competition here today, and the girls did well."

The Vikings will compete in the Cheboygan Invitational on Friday, May 2.

Girls win 13 medals at SVSU track meet

Six members of the Grayling High School girls track team competed at last Friday's Saginaw Valley State University Invitational. They finished ninth overall in team points out of 15 schools and won 13 medals in six events.

Rachel Ward finished fourth in the high jump (4'8") and fifth in the 400-meter dash (1:05.24). Hailey McMahon took fourth in

the 100-meter dash (13.84) and third in the 200-meter dash (28.94). Brianna Kirk placed sixth in the 100-meter dash (14.22). Rachel Doremire finished ninth in the 800-meter run.

The Vikings won medals in two relay events — the 800-meter and 400-meter relays. Both relay groups finished third. The 800-meter relay team consisted of Jamie Hagerman, Annie Melroy,

Ward, and McMahon. Hagerman, Kirk, Melroy, and McMahon competed for GHS in the 400-meter relay.

"I am very proud of the girls today. I brought six girls and they took home 13 medals and finished ninth out of 15 teams. That is a huge accomplishment for these six girls," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

Wendy's
Viking of the Week

Girls Track
 Coach: Tim Gariglio
HAILEY MCMAHON

Hailey finished 1st in the 100-meter dash and two relay events — 400 and 800 — at Ogemaw on Monday. She also took 2nd in the 200-meter dash. Hailey placed 4th in the 100-meter dash and 3rd in the 200-meter dash on Friday at the SVSU Invitational.

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Joni Bindschatel, left, hits a double during game one of last Tuesday's series vs. the Boyne City Ramblers. Megan Etzler, right, throws the ball into the infield from left field on Tuesday night.

Softball squad falls to Boyne 11-2, 9-4 in first doubleheader

Grayling High School's varsity softball team opened its 2008 season with conference losses vs. Boyne City and East Jordan last week.

On Tuesday, Grayling fell to the Boyne City Ramblers 11-2, 9-4 in a doubleheader held at

GHS.

In the first game of the series, Megan Etzler was 1 for 2 with a single, one run scored, and a walk. Joni Bindschatel was 1 for 2 with a double and a walk. Rachel Ward was 1 for 2 with a single.

In game two, Sam Schreiber was 3 for 3 with two singles, one triple, one run scored, and one stolen base. Etzler was 1 for 3 with a triple and one run scored. Gabby Calkins was 1 for 2 with a triple and one run scored. Alyssa Lewis was 1 for 3 with a single.

"We didn't get the start to

league play that we would have liked. Boyne City was a solid team that didn't really make any errors. We kept it close for three innings, but were unable to finish the game like we needed to," Coach Keri Brock said.

On Friday night, the Vikings lost two games at East Jordan, 6-1 and 15-0.

Caia Johnson was 1 for 2 in game one with a home run. Bindschatel pitched six innings for the Vikings, allowing two hits and three walks. She finished with five strikeouts.

Grayling didn't have any hits

in game two of the series.

"East Jordan has really picked up their program in the last two years with some solid young talent. I expected them to come out swinging. However, I was disappointed with our offensive display. We were swinging late all night on a pitcher that basically had one pitch. We need to be able to make adjustments if we want to do any damage against Harbor Springs on Tuesday," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings (0-4) play at Gaylord on Thursday, April 24, at 4 p.m.

JV softball team opens season with 13-10, 22-9 losses

The GHS junior varsity softball squad got its 2008 season under way with two losses at Boyne City last week.

The Ramblers won the first game of the series 13-10.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Teresa Schreiber, 2 for 4, 2 singles; Olivia Peters, 2 for 4, 2 singles; Kirstie Wakeley, 1 for 3,

1 double; Ann Hamlin, 1 for 3, 1 double.

Boyne City took the second game by a final score of 22-9.

Grayling's leading hitters were: Wakeley, 2 for 3, 1 single, 1 double, 2 RBIs; Katie Lange, 1 for 2, 1 single.

"The girls played their hardest and never let up, even when

times got rough, and that is all I can ask for," Coach Jessica Henderson said. "We are a young team, having only one sophomore and 11 freshmen. It is tough, but the more we practice the better we become."

The JV squad (0-4) will host Gaylord on Thursday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Softball
Coach: Keri Brock

SAM SCHREIBER

"Sam is leading the team with a .364 batting average and a .533 on-base percentage. She also has three stolen bases and has really improved her blocking skills behind the plate," her coach said.

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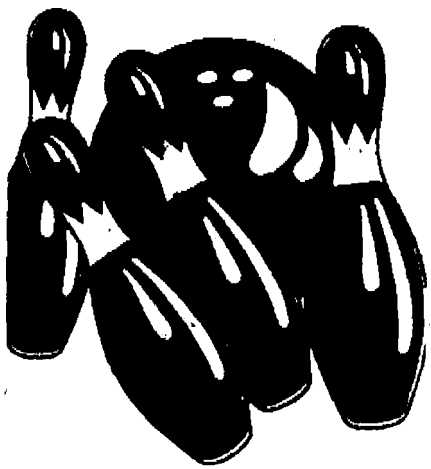
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211; B. Hollis, 204; L. Crampton, 203. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 489; C. Wyatt, 488; P. Harris, 457. High Game Women: C. Wyatt, 190; N. Glasslee, 176; P. Harris, 171.

LEGAL ACTION

TO ALL CREDITORS:

John P. Hall, who lived at 301 Evergreen Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, died March 23, 2008. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The John P. Hall and Mary F. Hall Trust Agreement dated August 3, 1994, will be forever barred unless presented to Cynthia M. Jones or Jeremy Jones, within four (4) months after the date of publication.

Date: April 15, 2008

ATTORNEY:
Mara Raven Spence
JORDAN BALKEMA ELDER LAW
CENTER
201 Maple Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307

TRUSTEES:

Cynthia M. Jones
6159 Trillium Terrace
Grayling, MI 49738

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3132 SW Carson Street
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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Case No. 08-7586-DO

Plaintiff:

Elizabeth Anne Purdy

1481 Rivendell

Grayling, MI 49738

989-745-5108

Defendant:

Samuel Douglas Purdy

1227 Wentwood Dr.

Irving, TX 75060

972-254-2370

(last known)

In the matter of Divorce

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant Samuel Douglas Purdy cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

a. First class mail to the above address
d. Other: Publication in Crawford County Avalanche for three weeks.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Date: 4/1/08

Judge Dennis F. Murphy P31907

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT OF ABANDONED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3241(a)

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage

made by Kenneth J. Ross and Laura Ann Ross, husband and wife, of 11685 N E 223rd Place, Ft. McCoy, FL 32134, Mortgagors, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 25, 1997, at Liber 425 Pages 534-539, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight and 12/100 (\$45,848.12) Dollars including interest at 7.75% percent per annum

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the main entrance of the County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 32, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on the Section line 624.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East 294.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East 150.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West 294.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West 150.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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The redemption period pursuant to MCL 600.3241(a) shall be thirty days (30) from the date of the sale. During the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the mortgagor or any one claiming under the mortgagor shall comply with the provisions of 1948 MCL 600.3241a (c), in which case the property may be redeemed during the six (6) months immediately following the sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, of 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.

Dated: April 4, 2008
JUÁREZ & JUÁREZ, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
132 South Eighth
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-0601

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Charles Foreman, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, solely as nominee for Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2005 and recorded December 28, 2005 in Liber 679 Page 182 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the

sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$79,159.51) including interest 8.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on May 7, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 26, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, for a place of beginning; thence West on one-quarter Line 10 rods; thence South parallel with East Section line of said Section 16 rods; thence East parallel with said one-quarter line 10 rods; thence North on said Section line 16 rods to place of beginning. Being a rectangular acre of Ground 10 by 16 rods in the Northeast corner of Northeast one-quarter of Southeast one-quarter of said Section 25. Commonly known as 10520 W Hall Rd, Roscommon MI 48653 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: MARCH 28, 2008 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potesitivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-90075(hsbc) ASAP# 2725866 04/03/2008, 04/10/2008, 04/17/2008, 04/24/2008 -3-10-17-24

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Emalyne Masella, A Single Woman to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2005 and recorded June 6, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 780 and re-recorded February 21, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 362 in Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$103,241.20) including interest 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00 AM on May 21, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 86.5 feet of the Southeast one-quarter and the South 33 feet of the West 86.5 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's 1st Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 103 Date St, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or

upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 11, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT2,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potesitivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-86614

-17-24-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Blevins and Denise Blevins, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2006 and recorded January 2, 2007 in Liber 684, Page 693, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., successor in interest by merger to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and 97/100 Dollars (\$244,438.97) including interest at 9.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 14, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 19, Majestic Hills Court Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 676, Page 84, being Reception Number R0010400, Crawford County Records and designated as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 16, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above described Master Deed and all amendments thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

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Dated: April 10, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-457-1000 File No. 241.0045
-10-17-24-1

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RICKY A. REED, a/k/a RICKY ARLEE REED, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2005, and recorded August 10, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 688, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 83/100 Dollars (\$26,150.83), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 161, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records, including all improvements attached thereto.

Commonly known as 401 Alexia Lane, Grayling, MI 49738
Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-161-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: April 9, 2008

First National Bank of America
Mortgage
By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 586-1200

-17-24-1-8-15

REQUEST FOR BIDS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

NEW WELL & WATERING SYSTEM PROJECT - PIONEER CEMETERY

Sealed bids, marked "WATER PROJECT" will be accepted until 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

Bids will be opened during the regular Township Board Meeting, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Branch Township Hall.

Specifications and information sheets may be picked up at the Township Hall.

All questions should be directed to : South Branch Township Hall
5245 M-18, P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-8232
M-F 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Note: All bids must include proof of license and liability and workman's compensation insurance. South Branch Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

South Branch Township Board

Annual School Election Notice

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:

The Annual School Election Will Be Held Tuesday, May 6, 2008 For The Purpose of Electing two Candidates to the Crawford AuSable School Board (1 - 4 year term & 1 - 2 year term).

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open at 7:00 A.M., And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

Two people will be elected to the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education. Any write-in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008.

Voting Precinct Locations:

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election:

- Grayling City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738
- Frederic, Maple Forest & Otsego Lake Twp's - Frederic Twp. Community Center, 7565 W. County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733
- Lovells Twp. Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
- Grayling Twp. Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 (precincts 5 & 6 are vacated for 2008)
- Beaver Creek Twp. Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling, Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
- Bear Lake Twp. Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646

Sandra Moore, Crawford AuSable Election Coordinator

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gaylord Sims and Kathleen Sims, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded February 22, 2005 in Liber 673, Page 854, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 65/100 Dollars (\$64,561.65) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 14, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. **ATTN PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 10, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 285.3757
-10-17-24-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack Vaughn and Dorothy Vaughn, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Arbor Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005, and recorded on June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 52, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$111,916.69), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West along the West line of said Section 2325.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 901.81 feet; thence South 18 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West 946.04 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 225 feet to the Point of Beginning, this parcel runs to the centerline of Kolka Creek.

Parcel 2: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 39 seconds West, along the West line of said Section 2549.93 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds East 872.32 feet; thence South 09 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East 114.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds West, 892.91 feet to the West line of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East along the West line 112.21 feet to the Point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #198807F01
-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank A. Antonini, Jr., and Sandra L. Antonini, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 7, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 991, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty And 54/100 Dollars (\$353,940.54), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, thence North 1 degrees 06 minutes West 1781.73 feet along Section line; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 134.1 feet; thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes East 25.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of Beginning; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 785.75 feet, thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West 201.29 feet on Traverse line along the Western Bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River, thence South 20 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West 120.25 feet along said traverse line; thence South 51 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 537.30 feet, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes West 175.0 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Lot Lines extend to the Waters Edge.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #187200F03
-24-1-8-15

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IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane Wakeley, a Married Woman, John Wakeley, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 478, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight And 64/100 Dollars (\$74,388.64), including interest at 12.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 1, Karen Woods, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #196487F01
-10-17-24-1

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willis J. Sylvester and Cathy A. Sylvester, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Plymouth Exchange Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 303, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight And 70/100 Dollars (\$73,488.70), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 233.0 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 100.0 feet, thence East 150.0 feet, thence South 100.0 feet, thence West 150.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of North 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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-10-17-24-1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohn n/k/a Amanda Lyn Backus, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 62/100 Dollars (\$56,251.62), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #197389F01
-17-24-1-8

Dated: April 10, 2008

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMITTEE VACANCIES

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE NORTHEAST MICHIGAN CONSORTIUM IS ANNOUNCING A CHANGE IN PROPOSAL FUNDING LEVELS FOR TWO PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA). UPDATED FUNDING LEVELS ARE \$819,450 FOR ADULT PROGRAMS (FROM \$695,000), AND \$1,383,000 FOR DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAMS (FROM \$695,000).

THE ORIGINAL DUE DATE FOR PROPOSALS IS 12:00 P.M. ON APRIL 25, 2008, AT THE NORTHEAST MICHIGAN CONSORTIUM IN ONAWAY, MICHIGAN. SHOULD ADDITIONAL BIDDERS WISH TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP), TO BE CONSIDERED THEY MUST REQUEST A COPY OF THE RFP BY CONTACTING TERRY BASEL, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, AT (989) 733-8548 BY 4:00 P.M. ON APRIL 30, 2008.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. MICHIGAN RELAY CENTER 1-800-649-3777 AND 711 (VOICE & TTY).

PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, May 6, 2008 Annual School Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at each of the following voting precinct locations in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

Township	School Precinct #	Clerk
Grayling City Hall 1020 City Blvd. P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738	1	Michele Moshier 348-2131
Frederic & Maple Forest Twp. 7565 W. County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733	2	Nancy Bindschattel 348-8778
Lovells Twp. 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	3	Cheryl Hopp 348-9215
Grayling Twp. 2090 Viking Way P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738	4	Monica Ashton 348-4361
Beaver Creek Twp. 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	7	Sharon Hartman 275-8878
Bear Lake Twp. 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kaikaska, MI 49646	8	Carol Rosenberg 231-258-4871

Please call Clerk for determined date and time.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP LARGE ITEM DAYS

May 17, 2008

&

September 20, 2008
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
& 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

This service will be available at both the Pioneer and McMasters Refuse Sites.

ITEMS ALLOWED: Household furnishings (tables, chairs, sofas, mattresses, etc.)

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED: Yard waste, building materials or hazardous liquids/materials.

MUST HAVE A 2008 PERMIT TO ENTER

The Township reserves the right to refuse improper items, or items in excess.

Note: This is a costly service, provided to permit holders of South Branch Township, and should not be misused.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Township Hall, Mon.-Fri., 9am - 12pm, at (989) 275-8232.

SPECIAL NOTE: In preparation for Crawford County - "Tire Cleanup" (June 21st), South Branch Township will temporarily be accepting tires at both of its transfer sites. This service is limited to no more than two (2) tires per person, with no tires being accepted after Wednesday June 18th.

South Branch Township Board

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 25, 1985 - Representing Grayling on the baseball field this season will be (front row L to R); John Meager, Jon Nicholas, George Duncan, Flaskie Robbins, Jeff Branch, Joe Erb, David Somerville, Duane Matthews, Jeff Palmer, manager Chris Wolcott, Scott Lehto; (back row), Brad Naghtin, Jeff McClellan, Kevin Hudson, Jim Knight, Rod Patterson, Ken Erb, Dean McKinney, John Kinney and coach Fred Wolcott.

**23 Years Ago
April 25, 1985**

A small two-acre fire, off of Military Road in Beaver Creek Township Saturday, officially kicked off the forest fire season in Crawford County. The fire burned mostly grass and a few red pines and was contained quickly by Department of Natural Resources forest firefighters and the Beaver Creek Township volunteer fire department.

Chris Kucharek, Nichole Siwula and Kristen Ockerman bowled the top scores in the state during a recent Holiday Doubles and Family Twosome tourna-

ment. Chris and Nichole teamed up to win in the Holiday Doubles Bantam division (8 years and younger). Kristen teamed with her father Toc Ockerman to win in the Family Twosome Bantam division.

Two Grayling stores, Ole Dam Party Store and Glen's Market, will be receiving Lotto terminals according to Richard Northcut, lottery regional manager.

Grayling Middle School announced that Tracy Reisinger, Deanna Watson, John Kraus, Patty Tremblay, Tammy Fenton, Tammy Duby, Marty Jung, Terry Sorenson, Lana Hagon, Wendy

Pearsall, Shannon Gizinski, Susan Nelson, Tim Miller, Peter Opperman, Brent Day, Fred Shippy and Michelle Thompson were all named Students of the Month.

Col. Ivan Gwilt, the commander of Camp Grayling, announced that SP4 James VanSlyke, SGT Douglas Legg, SGT Larry Haight and SSG Ricky Youngs, are four local members of the Michigan National Guard that were awarded the Army Achievement Medal in recognition of their meritorious service.

**46 Years Ago
April 26, 1962**

Over the weekend, ground was broken for the new fire house in Frederic. The proposed building is to be erected next to the Frederic Town Hall. All labor and much of the material is being donated by the people of the community.

The AuSable Restaurant and Tavern announces its grand opening, under the new management of Dick Gearhart, on Saturday, April 28. There will be free coffee and doughnuts from 8 a.m. to noon.

Grayling Unit #106 of the American Legion Auxiliary has selected Donna Fenton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fenton of Grayling, to attend Wolverine Girls' State, to be held at the University of Michigan campus in June. The Frederic Hobby Club named Janet Blaauw, daughter of the Fred Blaauws, as their choice for Girls' State. The two girls are both juniors.

**69 Years Ago
April 27, 1939**

There will be big events here in Grayling on June 23, 24 and 25 when over 100,000 boy scouts will hold a three day camporee at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. A special train is scheduled to bring more than half of the campers to Grayling.

Miss Margaret Buck will represent Grayling at the Kalkaska Trout Festival on April 28 and 29. The girl to represent Grayling as queen was the one who sold the most replica pins of trout given to each girl to sell.

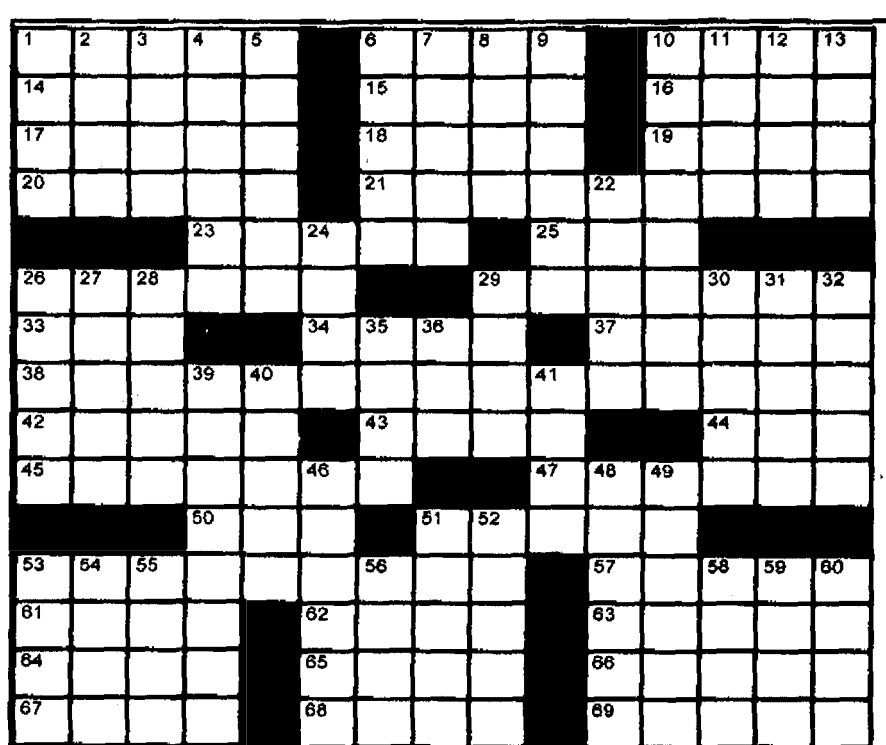
Miss Merle Covey resigned her position at Burke's Garage and returned to her home in East Jordan.

**92 Years Ago
April 27, 1916**

The opening of a fine new hotel, Shoppenagon's Inn, will be celebrated with an opening banquet. Grayling has long needed an up-to-date hotel, and last spring, by efforts of the stockholders of Salling Hanson Co., R. Hanson and Sons and a few citizens, the Grayling Hotel Company was organized. Work was started at once and contractor George Lathers turned the building over to the owners on April 1.

The following pupils of the second grade had perfect review lessons in spelling last week; Metha Isenhauer, Fred Hoesli, Ruth LaFave, Bernice Corwin, Clarence Graham, Lillian Jordan, Wayne Husted and Helen Granger.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Nasty
6. Bottom
10. Abstruse
14. Absurd
15. Holly
16. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
17. Trig functions
18. Delight
19. Beethoven's "Archduke ____"
20. Cook, as clams
21. Tough
23. End
25. Howard of "Happy Days"
26. "Who ____?"
29. Nostrum
33. Be mistaken
34. Sundae topper, perhaps
37. Aromatic solvent
38. Sells articles in a black market
42. All-out
43. Highlander
44. "Flying Down to ____"
45. Those who snore
47. Mellow
50. Pandowdy, e.g.
51. Annoy
53. Showing skill
57. Garden tool
61. Hodgepodge
62. Pat
63. Beat
64. 10 jiao
65. Jaywalking, e.g.
66. Clear away
67. ____ gin fizz
68. Gush
69. Desert sight

Down

1. Fail to see
2. Condo, e.g.
3. Punish, in a way
4. Presses, folds and stretches
5. Toadies
6. Bay or gulf
7. Object of many prayers
8. Merlin, e.g.
9. High-backed outdoor bench
10. Explode with violence
11. All ____
12. Ashtabula's lake
13. Slog
22. Fair-sized musical group
24. Bit
26. Bills
27. Acrylic fiber
28. A Muse
29. Creep (along)
30. Compact quartz
31. Ia King
32. Bad lighting?
35. Worn cloths
36. Victorian, for one
39. Often hands-free
40. Fashion designer Calvin
41. "... or ____"
46. Rules over
48. Cook too long
49. Soft felt hat
51. "Common Sense" pamphleteer
52. Jostle
53. 1992 Robin Williams movie
54. 12th month of the Jewish calendar
55. "Bye now"
56. Hoof sound
58. Chaps
59. Handbag
60. Gym set

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Chocolate Chip Cookie Pancakes

- 2 cups buttermilk pancake mix
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

In medium bowl, stir together pancake mix, brown sugar, chocolate chips and salt. Add milk, egg, butter and vanilla. Stir with a whisk until blended. For each pancake, pour 2 tablespoons batter onto lightly greased and preheated 375°F griddle (medium heat). Cook 1 1/2 minutes per side, turning only once. **Snickerdoodle Cookie Pancakes:** Prepare chocolate chip cookie pancakes as directed, substituting 1 teaspoon cinnamon for the chocolate chips. Serve pancakes with additional butter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar topping. **Oatmeal Cookie Pancakes:** Prepare chocolate chip cookie pancakes as directed, substituting 3/4 cup rolled oats (quick or old-fashioned) for the chocolate chips and adding 2 teaspoons cinnamon.

Makes 4 to 6 Pancakes

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BIRCH	MAHOGANY	PINE
ELM	MAPLE	SASSAFRAS
EUCALYPTUS	OAK	SPRUCE
MAGNOLIA	PALM	WILLOW

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

C V P I N E M B N Z
A S D W I L L O W F
V B N M K M L J H G
W S A S S A F R A S
E R P T U H E B O P
Y M A G N O L I A R
P U L I O G P R K U
Q S M A X A A C L C
I H B N W N M H M E
E U C A L Y P T U S

MAZE

ADOPT A PET

Raider

Raider is a handsome two year old gem of a guy. He has a wonderful buff tabby coat and gold eyes. He seems great with other cats and is not afraid of dogs. Raider has been neutered, vaccinated and Feli tested negative.

Please join the shelter staff and animals as they celebrate Adopt-A-Pet day on Saturday April 26th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 24, 2008

<p>Capricorn December 22–January 19 Who's really the boss at home, Capricorn? Is it you? If not, admit it and take the steps necessary to remind everyone you're in charge.</p>	<p>Aries March 21–April 19 Hey, Aries. Why not let life come to you? Your dogged pursuit of things is getting out of control. Don't think so? Take a breather and reflect on your recent actions.</p>	<p>Cancer June 22–July 22 A family feud has gone on long enough. A genuine apology is in order, so start talking. Cancer: A homemade concoction gets the creative juices flowing.</p>	<p>Libra September 23–October 22 Yes indeed, Libra. Confidence is essential, but overconfidence can lead to disaster. You need to recognize your limitations and learn to ask for help once in a while.</p>
<p>Aquarius January 20–February 18 Be thankful, Aquarius, that you are not a part of this week's drama at work. Sit back, relax and enjoy the show. A news piece moves you to take action.</p>	<p>Taurus April 20–May 20 Look out, world. Here comes Taurus. There is nothing you can't do this week and do well. You will surprise all who underestimated your abilities.</p>	<p>Leo July 23–August 22 Never fear. Leo has arrived. There is nothing you won't do to help a cause, including selling a valuable treasure. Idle gossip makes coworkers giddy.</p>	<p>Scorpio October 23–November 21 Think positive, Scorpio, and the things you were hoping for will come true. Images of the past continue to pop up, reminding you to embrace your heritage.</p>
<p>Pisces February 19–March 20 Surprise, Pisces. A new face comes into the fold. Be open to their ideas and learn from their example. A transportation problem requires drastic measures.</p>	<p>Gemini May 21–June 21 A friend's beliefs become questionable, but that is not for you to say, Gemini. Leave it alone and let nature take its course. It really is for the best.</p>	<p>Virgo August 23–September 22 Think money is everything? Always putting business before pleasure can make for an unhappy family. Is the time away from your loved ones really worth it?</p>	<p>Sagittarius November 22–December 21 Tired of shouldering the world's problems, Sagittarius? Then don't. Turn a deaf ear and focus on yourself for a change. You deserve a break.</p>

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4/15	49	19	0						
4/16	57	19	0						
4/17	72	42	0	High 73	High 63	High 48	High 48	High 49	High 52
4/18	69	41	0	Low 46	Low 37	Low 34	Low 32	Low 34	Low 33
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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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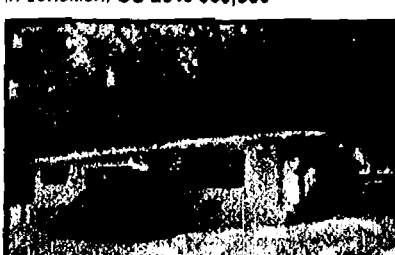
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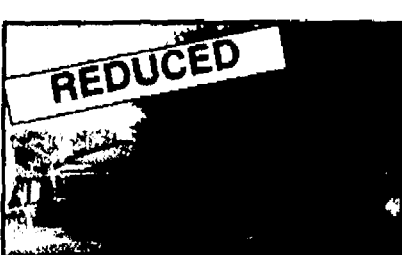
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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 Bath home with full basement and two car garage, located on five acres in the snowbelt adjacent to thousands of acres of state land. Home features vaulted ceilings, ceiling fans, fenced yard and garden area. #5935 \$95,000

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3. Employment

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WANTED. Journeyman electrician. Send resume to P.O. Box 672, Mio, MI 48647. (-3-10-17-24/3)

WANTED: trust-worthy individual to clean Lovells area cottage. Must have references, 906-360-1716. (-17-24-1/3)

4. Services Offered

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4. Services Offered

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5. For Sale

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northeast Michigan Consortium is announcing a change in proposal funding levels for two programs funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Updated funding levels are \$819,450 for Adult Programs (from \$695,000), and \$1,383,000 for Dislocated Worker Programs (from \$695,000).

The original due date for proposals is 12:00 p.m. on April 25, 2008, at the Northeast Michigan Consortium in Onaway, Michigan. Should additional bidders wish to respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP), to be considered they must request a copy of the RFP by contacting Terry Basel, Program Coordinator, at (989) 733-8548 by 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2008.

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The hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency
2375 Gordon Road
Alpena, Michigan 49707

A summary of the plan will be available at the hearing, or upon request, 5 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained at the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, or by calling (989) 356-3474 ext. 261.

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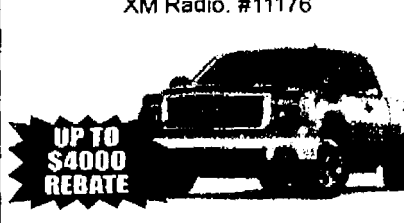
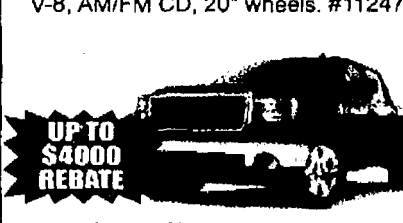



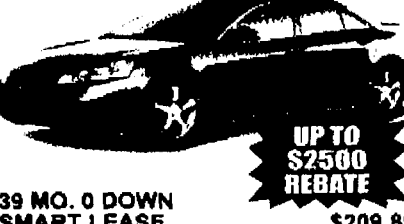

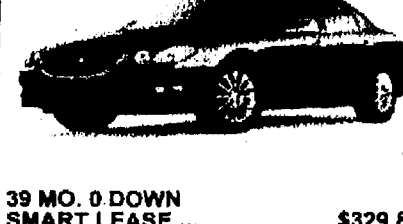
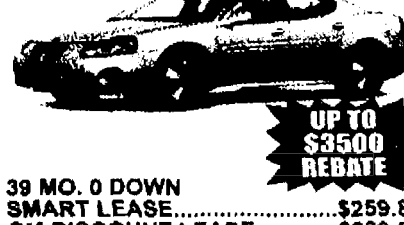
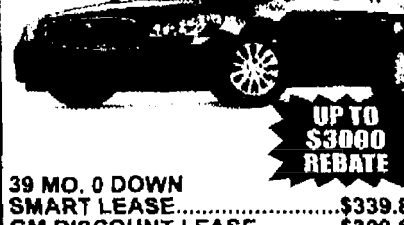




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8. Announcements

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